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The old fox returns

John Margaritis was appointed coach of Heidelberg on Tuesday after Roy MacLaren dropped a bombshell by resigning last weekend.

Heidelberg president Peter Tsaklis spoke to Croydon coach Jim Tansey and Peter Ollerton, now assisting Terry Hennessy at Melbourne Croatia, after learning of MacLaren's departure.

But both Tansey and Ollerton didn't want the job. Tsaklis then spoke to Margaritis and the former South Melbourne Hellas coach agreed to take on the job of reviving Heidelberg's fortunes.

Margaritis will have to live up to his nickname of "the old fox" if he's to boost morale among Heidelberg players which isn't exactly at an all-time high right now.

As soon as Ollerton told Croatia of Heidelberg's approach, club president Jack Skoblar stepped in and reaffirmed his committee's eagerness for the former Soccerroo to stay.

"I told Peter Tsaklis that I was happy at Croatia," said Ollerton, who had a three-hour meeting with the Heidelberg president on Monday.

"I also told Croatia about Heidelberg's approach because Croatia has been very good to me and I didn't want to go behind its back and start trying to get another job."

"I got the feeling that Heidelberg wants someone to crack the whip down there. Had they offered me the job in December I would have had time to get the players I wanted and to clear out a few."

"I must say though, that I'm very grateful to Heidelberg for giving me the opportunity but I'm only 35 and my chance will come."

The Melbourne Press reported on Monday that MacLaren has resigned for business reasons but there was more to his departure than that.

I understand that the former Aston Villa coach, who came to Australia to coach Victorian State League outfit Northcote last year, is pretty disillusioned about the semi-professional nature of the game here.

And I also understand that MacLaren was pretty disappointed to learn that Heidelberg couldn't afford to buy any more players this year while just about every other West End NSL club had revamped its playing staff while some still are scampers after new signings. MacLaren's only signings this year have been Kiwi international striker Andy Deeley and Box Hill striker Laurie McKinnis.

Tsaklis didn't seem too ruffled by MacLaren's departure. "The man (MacLaren) told me last Friday night that business pressures were too much and that he couldn't do the coaching job as well," said Tsaklis.

"I'm not really disappointed. It's still early enough for us to go out and get someone else. "Being pretty new to this country, Roy probably didn't know exactly how much time was involved in the job."

MacLaren worked at Aston Villa on a full-time basis.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



CROATIAS COLLIDE!

Melbourne Croatia celebrates its 2-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas in the 1987 Buffalo Cup at Olympic Park last Saturday night. Back row: Terry Hennessy (coach), Vlado Dezic (team manager), Zeljko Gagula, Mirko Runje, Robbie Dunn, George Hannah (captain), Dave McIntosh, Andy Humble, Alan Scott, Duze Zemunik (vice-president), Peter Ollerton (assistant coach). Front row: Club official, Josip Biskic, Jim Campbell, Tony Lemezzina, Paul Lewis, Alan Davidson, Jim MacLean, Jack Kolcay, Frank Valentic, Mark Talajic. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

By
CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ian Wallace's bags are packed and he's all ready to go. Willie Herd was playing in a vital game for Partick Thistle as we went to press but if Thistle wins, it will ensure its survival in Scotland's Premier League and also ensure that Melbourne Croatia fans will have plenty to cheer about on Sunday in the Ansett Challenge Shield.

Wallace and Herd are both set to fly to Australia in time for the big clash with Sydney Croatia at St. George Stadium at 2.30 pm.

Melbourne Croatia tried to bring Wallace here in time for last Saturday's Buffalo Cup Final against South Melbourne Hellas but it couldn't clear a path through the red tape. However, Croatia officials and coaches Terry Hennessy and Peter Ollerton have spoken to Wallace on Monday in Glasgow and have told him that everything is in readiness at last.

If both players arrive in time, Herd is the likelier to win a place in Melbourne Croatia's starting line-up, for he's fully match fit and champing at the bit to pull on a Croatia strip. Wallace, on the other hand, hasn't played for eight weeks and is likely to start on the bench. "I'll be nice having a \$1 million player sitting on the bench. Imagine what effect that's going to have on the lads out on the park," said Hennessy.

"I'm really looking forward to Sunday's game. What intrigues me is that we'll be playing possibly the best team in Australia and that's going to be a great barometer of our prospects this year."

"But don't get me wrong. We're going there to win. I love winning. It's a great habit. It's the best habit in the world."

The Melbourne outfit reached its second successive Ansett Challenge Shield clash by downing South Melbourne Hellas 2-1 in the Buffalo Cup Final. Sydney Croatia's Ansett Challenge Shield berth was secured at the expense of Marconi, Croatia's victim in the 1987 State Bank Challenge Cup.

These sides featured in last year's inaugural Ansett Challenge Shield clash and the Mel-

bourne outfit ran out a comfortable 3-1 victor. Sydney Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic is a master tactician and no doubt he'll be well versed on the strengths of the opposition. Rozic engineered Sydney Croatia's 2-1 win over Marconi in the State Bank Challenge Cup by stifling the Italian-backed club's famed attack. Wally Savor shadowed Frank Farina while Mark Jones tagged Marconi's brilliant midfielder Zlatko Nastic.

Sydney Croatia certainly has the players to hurt opposing sides on the break. Those long balls out of defence played so deftly by Rozic to exploit the pace of Robbie Slater and Zeljko Jurin are the main danger to Melbourne Croatia.

But in George Hannah, Robbie Dunn, Alan Davidson and Dave McIntosh, Melbourne Croatia has as good a defence as any in this country.

I expect McIntosh to be given the job of marking Sydney Croatia and Soccerroo striker Graeme Arnold with Hannah trying to keep Slater in check. Jurin prefers a wide role with the freedom to switch flanks so he'll be picked up by the closest defender.

Jim Campbell's back injury probably will keep him on the sidelines but that won't be a major setback if Herd arrives in time. He'll simply slot into Campbell's role alongside fellow midfielders Biskic, Jim MacLean and exciting youngster Mark Talajic.

Manis Lamond looks likely to start on the Sydney Croatia bench now that Jurin is returning to his best form and is keen to develop a partnership with Slater up front.

Ray Vilestra, Sydney Croatia's close-season signing from Wollongong City, probably doesn't know a great deal about Melbourne Croatia striker Paul Lewis but by about 4.30 pm on Sunday he's bound to have discovered that Lewis is lightning fast and devastating inside the opposition penalty area.



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This tyrant who is ruling impoverished Romania with his fellow-tyrant with more completely and ruthlessly than the Marcoses ever did the Philippines, clearly encourages, nay, demands, homage paid to him in the "best" tradition of the despised "Personality Cult".

Recently, after Steaua Bucuresti won the European Super Cup (a friendly, fairly meaningless affair staged in front of 2000 bored Casino habitués in Monaco), the players of the team sent this letter to Ceausescu.

Apologies for the long and complicated sentences.

"Beloved Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu!

"In this uplifting moment for Romanian soccer which the winning of the most prestigious Continental trophy, the Super Cup signifies, the players, coaches and technical staff of the Steaua Club and the leadership of the Army Sports Club spare a grateful thought for our glorious Party and for You, dear Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, splendid creator

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of modern socialist Romania, ingenious leader of our country's affairs, great hero of our nation, for that very special concern which you expand in the interest of the versatile development of our fatherland, for its prosperity, for progress, for scaling new heights of civilisation and for strengthening further the Romanian soccer movement.

(If you have a strong stomach, please continue reading; the weaker ones may now take a pause.)

"Similar to our whole nation which, inspired by your fiery appeals and encouragements, works with all its might and with revolutionary fervor for the realisation of the historic

resolutions of the Party's 13th Congress, us, sporting soldiers, have joined, with this great international success, the rest of our nation in saluting our outstanding leader in the era of unparalleled accomplishments, an era which, with special gratitude and great respect, we call the Nicolae Ceausescu era."

(Can you go on a bit more without throwing up? Try it.)

"We are well aware that this latest success, the Super Cup, has become possible because our socialist society has created wonderful preconditions for our sports and also because of the relentless attention and constant concern which our

Party and You, personally, dear Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, show towards the well-being, vitality and physical strength of our youth and entire nation."

Signed: Steaua Soccer Team.

This nauseating piece of Stalinism pays "tribute" to the Eastern Bloc's most hated leader — in a country whose living standards are behind even those of the USSR: they queue longer for staple food, have no fuel in the winter months, electricity runs only for a few hours a day, as does TV...

And then this Ricken-pouring outpouring to the "great" Nicolae who has managed to plunge Romania into the darkest of Dark Ages...

Of course, it's also possible that by laying on the flattery so very thickly, the Steaua team used a cruel, almost sardonic humor.

But whatever that was, this letter should become part of the annals of the game of soccer as a horrifying example of soccer bootlicking at a level even Hitler and Stalin could have envied.

★ ★ ★
Meanwhile, back in Moscow, soccer's administrators — and the sports apparatchiks —

are trying to apply Gorbachev's much publicised "Openness" policy to sport.

The Soviets are now seriously debating whether they should introduce professional soccer — Russian style. Of course, the top Soviet sportsmen have been fulltime professionals for decades — in fact, if not in name.

What they are now considering is a Western-style professionalism, something that, for many years Soviet ideology had condemned as decadent, corrupt and not worthy of socialist principles...

All that is changing now, thanks to "Glasnost" under which it's possible to admit now in the USSR that Monday is followed by Tuesday, that day is followed by night — without earning the wrath of some crazed ideologues.

The type of pro soccer the Soviets are flirting with is what has existed for a long time in the free world, where clubs have to survive as commercial entities — or go out of existence.

Not surprisingly, the Soviet sports hierarchy is reluctant to plunge into this risky and turbulent water. For decades all Soviet sporting clubs have been mollycodd-

dled by the regime and by their sponsoring organisations — army, railways, major factories, trade unions, etc. All, without exception, have been showing a loss — made good by the sponsor and, through that, the State.

In a professional set-up, clubs would have to rely on their own enterprise to make ends meet.

But even while they are pondering the merits or otherwise of such a daring move, the Soviets have announced that they will try to clean up their game — eliminating the now rampant "trading" in points.

It's no secret that — just as in other Eastern Bloc countries, mainly Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland and Romania — matches are constantly bought and sold in the USSR to shape the issues of promotion and relegation.

Several matches of last year's Soviet championships were declared "suspect" — such as Dynamo's game with Salytor and Ararat Yerevan — but no action was taken.

Now, however, a special strike force will watch every match and the performance of the often corrupted referees and will try to enforce the harsh but seldom used regulations.

Several former greats such as Yashin, Netto, Simonian and Kachalin have been enlisted to join the strike force's observer brigade: at every match, there will be now present one inspector.

Which probably means that from now on the number of people who have to be bribed goes up by one...

★ ★ ★
Finally, something local. Front page stuff.

Last week six people including Australian Customs officials were arrested on charges of having smuggled \$8 million worth of heroin — in soccer balls.

In soccer balls, the paper said, quite explicitly, as if subconsciously implying a sinister connotation with the game.

When rugby league morons are arrested for a drunken brawl on an aircraft, they are "footballers". The same when Aussie Rules imbeciles commit gang bang: they are "prominent football players". Rugby League, Union or VFL is spelt out only in a "positive" sense, otherwise the term is deliberately logged up into "football".

Not so soccer. It's "soccer riot" (not football riot) and "soccer balls for heroin" — not ordinary footballs...

Fiji's 'bad boy' returns

Reformed "bad boy" of Fiji soccer, Ivor Evans, was included last weekend in a 17-man squad for a three-match tour of Queensland starting next week.

Evans, 21, was barred from the National side after alleged off-field misbehavior on a 1985 tour of New Zealand, and during a visit by Tahiti to Fiji shortly after.

A brilliant midfield general who has been sought by clubs in Australia and New Zealand, he was recalled to National duty recently and started in both Fiji's wins (2-1 and 4-1) over the Solomon Islands recently.

Fiji will play Queensland in Brisbane on March 22 and 25, then a Gold Coast select at Southport on March 29.

Former Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf, who was expected to sign a one-year contract with the Fiji Football Association as we went to press, is unlikely to accompany the team to Queensland.

The West German, who has been handling the squad for several weeks, said last weekend that he would prefer local coach Billy Singh to have the experience of leading the side while he concentrated on touring Fiji seeking promising players.

Taringa Rovers midfielder Mark Gilbert has become the first player from an amateur club to win selection for Queensland since the code turned semi-professional there 26 years ago.

Gilbert, 24, was one of five new faces in Queensland's 17-man squad named last weekend by State coach Bruce Stowell.

Last year's Rothman's Gold Medal winner Keith Marsh, former Australian youth squad member and leading goal scorer this season Brett Drury, North Star keeper Dave Gallagher and Coaststars striker Mark Brusasco complete the list of new-comers.

The Queensland squad is: Brisbane Lions: Bob Farrow, Frank Liddell, Alan Farrow, Richard Bassingthwaite, John Stewart, Russell Stewart, Jim Morton, John Ogden, Keith Marsh, Brett Drury; Mount Gravatt: Martin Kirisopp; Brisbane City: Frank McGovatt, Kieran Cooper, Wayne Evans; Coaststars: Mark Brusasco; North Star: Dave Gallagher; Taringa Rovers: Mark Gilbert.

The Fiji squad is: Meli Vuilabala (captain), Savenaca Waqa, Abraham Watkins, Vula Rokogica, Lote Delai, Epeli Rokogica, Kelemedi Vosuga, Ivor Evans, Mukesh Chandra, Freddie Evans, Niko Lilo, Mohamud Saleem, Sam Work, Alyub Bai, Simon Peters, Ilesia Bolabui, Rusiate Waqan.

Vatsilas signs for Juventus

Adelaide Juventus at last has made a move to increase its playing staff for its defence of its national title.

Apart from signing young Tim Mullen in January, Juventus has remained inactive on the transfer market, despite losing Steve Maxwell to Marconi and defender Gary Higgins to Salisbury United.

Inactive, until last week, that is, when Juventus clinched the prized signature of Adelaide Croatia striker Lemmy Vatsilas.

The skilful ball-playing forward has been training with Hellas following a dispute with Croatia, but has opted to try to break into the West End NSL ranks by linking up with Juventus.

Coach Zoran Matić, who doubles as SA coach, invited Vatsilas to join the State side which toured Penang last season, but he withdrew because of a back injury. Matić has never seen Vatsilas play in a competitive match, but has heard of the ball-wizardry that had the Croatia fans chanting "Maradona" when he performed his magic last year.

Juventus paid Croatia \$5000 for Vatsilas on the recommendation of coaching co-ordinator Johnny Perin.

But Matić is yet to be totally convinced. "I'm not interested in fancy players. I want team men who will work their butts off," said Matić. "Let's just see how he goes."

— ALLAN CRISP

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● ASF executive director Brian Emery: "One of the big problems is the financing of the teams."

ASF to map-out lead-up to Seoul

Australia's lead-up to the Seoul Olympics and two World Youth Finals will come under the microscope at a special meeting this week.

The ASF World Cup committees will confer in Sydney on programs submitted by national coach Frank Arok, national youth coach Les Scheinberg and national under-16 coach Vic Dalgleish.

At a recent executive meeting, the ASF decided to split its World Cup committee into two groups for better efficiency and more personal involvement.

"The previous committee of up to 12 was trying to determine plans for four teams and the executive believed two groups would be far more efficient," said ASF executive director Brian Emery. "It would also enable the smaller number to take a closer look at the programs with the reduced number of teams."

Six members, headed by ASF president Sir Arthur George, will determine the senior and Olympic Games program while a five-member panel, led by Michael Weinstein, will consider the youth and under-16 teams.

FIFA has announced that Australia will meet Taiwan in Taipei on November 15 this year in the first group one match of the Oceania Olympic qualifying round.

Taiwan will travel to Australia for the return match on November 29 at a venue still to be decided.

The other competing Oceania teams, New Zealand, Fiji and Western Samoa will fight out the group two section with all matches to be determined before the end of November.

Group leaders and the winner of a play-off between the runners-up will link with Israel for the second round next February where the winner will qualify for the Olympic finals.

"One of the big problems to be faced by the committees is the financing of the teams and the budget requirements," said Emery.

There has been suggestions that the youth team play the curtain-raiser to the Internationals in May and June but when air fares, accommodation and wages are taken into account it costs about \$15,000 to put the youth team on the field.

"A figure is allocated for the three national teams and has to be considered in conjunction with the programs submitted by the coaches."

"Apart from touring teams, we also have to look at the Trans Tasman Windfield Cup against New Zealand and the three-match visit by China for the Ampol Cup."

Gully pays its way

Green Gully is up in arms about last week's story in "Soccer Action" concerning \$75,000 owed to the West End NSL from clubs relegated last year.

"The committee was pretty hurt by that story and we want to make it clear that Green

National League a cent," said club secretary and reserve team coach Joe Camilleri.

"In fact, well before Christmas we paid what we owed and that was just \$80. I'm led to believe that we were one of the first clubs to clear its debt with the NSL and that includes clubs that weren't relegated

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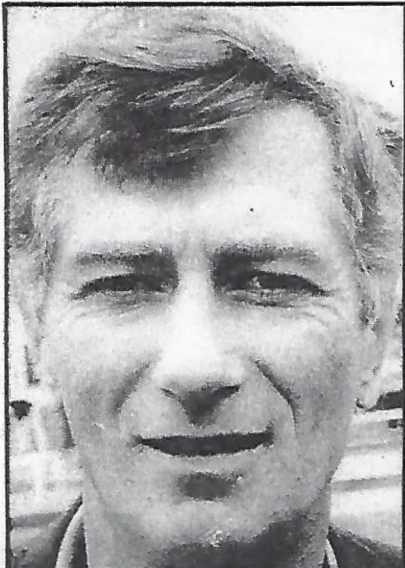
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John Margaritis — he'll lead the national team in the closing stages of the Westay tournament.



Charley Villani. "He's unbelievable, really incredible," says Margaritis.

Baran gets the bullet!

APIA has dumped Polish import Janusz Baran and unless another Australian club signs the temporary visa player he'll be heading back to Poland shortly.

Baran, 30, made 171 Polish league appearances, mainly with Legia Warsaw, the club he helped win the Polish Cup in 1980 and 1981. He made one full international appearance for Poland, — in August, 1979 — against Romania.

APIA brought Baran and fellow Pole Eduard Lorens to Sydney last year but APIA coach Rale Rasic revealed this week that he has been unhappy about Baran's commitment for some time.

"He simply no longer suits our needs," said Rasic.

"We are playing very competitive football here. Never more so than this year. I demand a tremendous commitment from all players and Janusz hasn't shown me this year that he can give me what I want."

"I spoke to him a few weeks ago about this situation. He was devastating for me last year, really excellent, but he got injured

towards the end of the season and since then he hasn't been performing the way I want him to."

"He's disappointed about the whole situation but he must accept it. We're not the Salvation Army you know. It's a tough business and there's no room for sentiment."

Will Baran's situation unsettle compatriot Lorens?

"Not if he (Lorens) is the professional I think he is," said Rasic.

Rasic told 'Soccer Action' last month that he was negotiating with the great Bruno Conti of Roma and Italy fame for four guest games in late May and June this year. Are these negotiations continuing?

"No comment."

A storm erupted recently in Sydney when Graeme Arnold of Sydney Croatia reportedly was interested in joining APIA. Croatia officials were up in arms and there was talk of them laying charges against APIA for alleged poaching. Arnold since has settled down again with Croatia and Rasic claims that his conduct and that of APIA chairman Joe Prestia was thoroughly professional and within the rules of the West End National League at all times.

"Graeme Arnold rang our office. I told him to talk to Joe Prestia and I told Mr Prestia to phone Tony Basic (Croatia's president) and tell him that Graeme had phoned us so that we could get permission to talk to the player. I admire Graeme as a player very much but I don't talk to players unless I get permission to do so and to be honest I couldn't believe that a player of his calibre who has done so well with Croatia could be unhappy."

Arnold was crying after Sydney Croatia's 2-1 State Bank Challenge Cup Final win over Marconi two weeks ago but they were tears of joy as he was hoisted high on the shoulders of ecstatic Croatia fans. Arnold now seems certain to stay with Croatia.

But Rasic still is on the look-out for new players. He signed Peter Katholos on a free transfer from Sydney Olympic last week and he's understood to be negotiating with a couple of other players on the local market.

"I can't tell you anything at the moment, sorry," said Rasic.

Hopefully we'll be able to tell you something about the APIA supremo's plans next week. But don't hold your breath.

Margaritis to coach Roos

John Margaritis is odds-on to be in charge of the Soccerroo squad which will complete Australia's commitments in the Westay tournament in June while the main national squad competes in the President's Cup in Seoul.

National coach Frank Ark and assistant Eddie Thomson value Margaritis's contribution as their Melbourne-based assistant very highly, indeed Margaritis has been responsible for Zarko Odzakovic, Paul Wade, Angie Postecoglou, Garry McDowall, Jeff Oliver, Oscar Crino and Andrew Zinni being picked for the national team.

He recommended them to Ark and Oliver, Wade and McDowall now are established Soccerroos while Zinni is on the verge of claiming a regular striking role in the side.

Odzakovic, of course, played a vital role during Australia's campaign for a berth in last year's World Cup Finals in Mexico and along with Postecoglou is most certain to be in the Soccerroo squad which plays in the Westay tournament.

Adelaide last week to watch Adelaide Juventus' and Adelaide Hellas battle out the final of the South Australian Ampol Cup and Margaritis was very

impressed with the performances of Juve's Charley Villani, Serge Melita, Neville Flounders, Joe Mullen and Alex Tobin.

"Villani is one of the best players in this country — when he decides to play. He's unbelievable that guy, really incredible. He should be playing for Juventus of Italy let alone Adelaide Juventus. The only doubts about him concern his ability to perform over 90 minutes. On his day he's absolutely brilliant so it's up to him, really. If he shows a bit more application, then he's going to be given a chance to play for his country," said Margaritis.

Margaritis also wants to see Heidelberg's Selemdis in the latter stages of the Westay tournament. Selemdis already has played 17 times for the national team. His last appearance was in 1984 against touring Greek side Iraklis. Selemdis played for a Victorian All Stars side against the Soccerroos late last year and impressed most observers with his commanding display.

Ark, Thomson and Margaritis will sit down shortly and look at the possibility of including eight to 10 new players in the squad to complete Australia's Westay commitments.

There's little doubt that the squad will go to South Korea won't contain any surprises. It essentially will be based upon the squad that travelled to China late last year and strengthened Australia's grip on the Ampol Cup, the annual challenge between the two nations.

"I like being involved with the team. I consider it an honor

and I thoroughly enjoy working with players of such high calibre. And to be honest it's very, very satisfying when you see someone you've recommended, establishing himself in the team. Very satisfying."

Margaritis still is bitter about the way some sections of the Melbourne Press reported his departure from South Melbourne Hellas last year. He had chances to take on the coaching jobs at either Adelaide Hellas or Sydney Olympic but was determined to take a break from the game. Now, of course, he's been appointed coach at Heidelberg (see story page one).

"The different sides on the committee kept trying to get me involved in the politics of the club but I didn't go to Hellas for that. I went there to

coach the team.

"It's different this year but I have to ask myself a few questions about last year."

"Why didn't the committee buy Wright and Wade when I wanted them? Why couldn't I get a \$10 bonus for the players up in Brisbane when they suddenly pay thousands this year? Why didn't Charlie Egan get a bonus for every goal he scored last year? Why did the committee let a player like Oscar Crino go from Hellas? And Doug Brown and John Zenden? Why did the players get \$120 a win last year and hundreds of dollars more this year?"

"I don't have to answer to these questions."

"When you consider all the hassles we had last year, we did very, very well."

So Margaritis will have a busy schedule this year what with his new club commitments and the greater responsibility entrusted to him at national team level.

ing overseas teams competing in the Westay tournament and trying to firmly establish Heidelberg in the 1987 West End NSL.

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Kulcsar: St George is on the way up

George Kulcsar, St George's close-season signing, disagrees with the prophets of doom who predict his new club will languish at the bottom of the West End NSL this season.

"Frank's (Arok) going for rebuilding at the moment, letting a lot of the older players go, like David Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy and Roy and John O'Shea. We're a young side and we'll definitely get better as the season progresses," says the Australian youth team sweeper.

By JOHN MANGAN

Hungarian-born Kulcsar still is settling into the St George line-up. He only joined the club six weeks ago on his return from New Zealand where he helped the young Socceros qualify for the World Youth Cup finals in Chile later this year.

Consequently, he still is coming to terms with the playing style of the club and his new team-mates.

"We are making a few mistakes at the back right now, having a few misunderstandings, but it's to be expected at this early stage."

And how does he fit into coach Arok's game plan? "I'm playing in my usual position of sweeper and Frank is letting me play my usual game. He's been giving me some advice like getting me to talk more."

"In the Australian youth team Les Scheinflug insists on us playing the ball through midfield, which is great when you've got midfielders like Jason Polak and John Koch in front of you, especially in the sort of games we had to play in New Zealand. With St George we've been mixing it up a bit, playing some through the middle and some long balls. In the Challenge Cup against Olympic last week they were really tight in midfield so we were trying to send the ball over the midfield to the forward-line."

While Kulcsar is quickly coming to terms with playing for his new club he is still without lodgings and is looking for a job. He had to give up a job in the public service in Canberra to make the move to Sydney and is actually staying at St George's ground while looking for accommodation.

Kulcsar moved to St George, having played for the Institute of Sport, and spent last year at

Canberra City where things didn't go his way. After a rocky start to the year, a combination of injury, poor form and unrest at the club meant Kulcsar was glad to have the opportunity to move.

"I played in a few games at the beginning of the season and then spent the rest of the year on the bench. We had a change of coach when Roy Thomson chucked it in during the season and Steve Bryant took over. I wasn't playing well."

The young sweeper must have been doing something right though, for he remained an integral part of coach Scheinflug's plans for the youth team.

"The training camps and games for the national team gave me a lease of life in what was otherwise a disappointing year. It was some of the hardest training I've ever done, but it was great."

Kulcsar is full of praise for the youth team and players like Polak and Koch.

"Paul Trimoni is great as well. He's definitely got something. He's not particularly quick or particularly tall, but he is strong and his balance is excellent, so he is very good on the turn."

"The qualifying tournament was a disappointment to me as there was really only one other decent team in it — Israel — which we drew with 1-1, but apart from that the standard was low. We were under instructions to keep it simple at the back but the other teams never put much pressure on us. Things will be different in Chile though."

Arok rang Kulcsar before the youth team travelled to Bangkok late last year. He then travelled to Canberra to convince the sweeper to make the move to Sydney.

"I'd received offers from Melbourne but I left my options open until I came back from New Zealand and Frank's offer seemed more attractive."

Kulcsar was born in Budapest in 1967 and migrated to Australia in 1973, his family settling in Canberra.

He played his first soccer with Canberra United as a striker. His parents took him along to see Canberra City play.

"I saw Ian Callaghan (the former Liverpool player) when he played guest games for Canberra and he was great to watch. He had no trouble at all switching the ball from one side of the pitch to the other. His passing was spot-on."

It was at the Canberra Academy that Kulcsar was coached by Les Bee.

"I was in the first team to come out of the Academy. It was under-13 then but now the Academy has a wide range of teams. It was the stage where I stepped up from playing for fun to playing under instruc-

tions and using tactics."

Under Bee, Kulcsar moved from attack to midfield, then further back into defence when he enrolled at the Institute after spending the first half of 1983 languishing on the bench of the Canberra City youth team.

"Most of the youth league players were 18 or 19 and each team was allowed to field four players from their senior team so it made it difficult for me as I was only 15 and still had some growing to do."

"I was attracted to the Institute because it was the closest thing in Australia to professionalism. The coaches there, Jim Shoulder and Ron Smith, have been a great help to me. I had problems when I got there with injuries, but I got stronger and grew a bit more. With a number of players like Tony Franken away on international duty, I got a chance to have a run in the youth league."

In 1984 he travelled with the AIS team to Europe to compete in Dutch and German youth tournaments.

"That team had Andrew Bernal who is now in Spain, and Warren Spink and Mirko Runje who are both playing in the National League. We had no idea what to expect when we went over. You only see senior teams on television so we had no idea what the youth standard was like but we were competitive."

"We were playing teams like Sporting Gijon, Nottingham Forest, Feyenoord and Ajax. We learned a lot of things that you just have to do to compete at that level. There were things that Jimmy and Ron had told us, but in Australia we could get away without doing them. In Europe we learned, for example, to keep the ball on the move all the time. When you stop you are an easier target for opponents, so you just have to keep moving."

The AIS reached the final of a German tournament against Real Madrid. "It was a class outfit. We lost 3-1 and scored a really rammy goal."

Kulcsar is right behind the Institute's move into the Victorian State League.

"The whole idea of the AIS is to develop players and we couldn't improve while we were playing in the youth league. The AIS was just winning at a canter. Last year it scored over 100 goals in the league. It's got to be in a tougher competition. I guess it all depends on whether the opposing teams care whether they're beaten by the AIS or not. It comes down to the players' pride."

His AIS days are behind him now though, and Kulcsar has a few crucial months ahead of him in which he hopes to settle down in Sydney, get a job and establish himself in a winning St George line-up.



Alan Scott, Melbourne Croatia's recent \$15,000 signing from Adelaide Hellas. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Country boy to play for his country?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Melbourne Croatia had a hell of a time negotiating a contract with Allan Scott, signed last Friday from Adelaide Hellas for \$15,000.

Scott told Croatia coach Terry Hennessy what sort of money he was looking for and Hennessy got back to the talented left-sided player and told him that there was no way he could get that much. Hennessy gave him more!

"I've never ever squabbled about money. It's never been a major consideration. I just want to play football," said Scott. "I'm rabidly getting peanuts compared to a lot of the other guys but that's always been the case and it's never ever bothered me. I never received a signing-on fee from Adelaide Hellas so what?"

So what, indeed. Listen here, fella, don't you realise there are players in this country earning \$20,000 a year from playing soccer? If you're good enough to play alongside some of them, why aren't you good enough to earn that sort of money?

"That doesn't interest me. My big aim is to play for Australia. That's the main reason I've moved to Melbourne."

"I'm from the country, from Whyalla and I know that a lot of people back there are pretty proud of me just playing in the National League. They were very, very proud of Yacka Banovic (also from Whyalla) when he signed for Derby. I don't just want to play for Australia for myself. I want to do it for all the people back in Whyalla that keep asking my parents how I'm getting on."

Well, I can assure everyone in Whyalla that Allan Scott's getting on just fine. And he's a stone's throw away from achieving his main ambition.

Frank Arok rates Scott. That's why Scott was invited to Socceros training last year and that's why Arok tried to sign him for St George.

Scott (Arok) was pretty interested in signing me at first but once he found out that Adelaide Hellas had slapped \$25,000 on my head he wasn't so committed whereas Croatia kept following the matter up."

A first, Hellas wouldn't budge. It simply said that Scott wasn't for sale. Then it slapped that exorbitant fee on his head and said that it wasn't negotiable. Then it dropped the fee to \$20,000. Then it was reminded of a clause in Scott's contract with the club allowing him to join a State League outfit for \$2500. Hellas also probably got wind of Croatia's plan to get St Albans Dinamo in the Victorian State League to buy Scott for \$2500 then sell him to Croatia. Suddenly that won't-budge stance altered dramatically and Croatia was able to sign him for \$15,000.

Scott, 23, was born in Glasgow in Scotland. He arrived in Whyalla when he was nine months old and started playing soccer in 1971 with Whyalla Lions. About 10 years later he moved to Whyalla City which was playing in the Rothmans State League. Travelling to Adelaide every other week gave him exposure and in 1984, not long after his marriage, he joined Azzurri.

Frank Schaeper was the Azzurri coach but Scott had a very ordinary season.

"I'd always played on the left side but the coach put me on the right wing. That was because his left winger was all left foot and he probably thought that I could adapt to the right side but I was lost that whole season."

Lost, maybe, but not for long. Scott used to play for Scotland in an annual national tournament in Adelaide. He found himself lining up alongside Adelaide Hellas' Neil McGachey and Graham Honeyman and they convinced that he was good enough to take a crack at the National League.

But Scott didn't make a clean break with Azzurri. The club took the matter of his switch to Hellas to court and in the end, Hellas had to pay a \$2000 transfer fee for him.

Throughout 1985 and 1986 Scott established himself as an NSL player of no mean quality. McGachey coached him in 1985 and six games into the 1986 season before Edmund Kreft took over.

"Neil McGachey was a good coach. He had some great ideas on the game. I was enjoying my soccer but I had to go overseas on the game. I'd told the club about that trip before I'd signed. Neil put someone else in my role which was really playing like a left winger when we were attacking and like a left back when we defended. I don't think the other guy did the job so I was able to win my spot back when I returned."

"Last year was a disaster for all of us. We'd signed so many top players and all the papers were saying that we were going to be a force to be reckoned with. I think it might have gone to our heads a bit. I think some of us thought that we weren't going to have to work hard to win games and when we realised that that wasn't the case it was too late."

Preston Mackdonald was rumored to be interested in signing Scott late last year but didn't get in touch with him. When Scott approached Adelaide Hellas about moving to Melbourne Croatia the club told him that it could have sold him to Brunswick Juventus which had chased him for two seasons. Yet Scott knew nothing of Juve's interest.

So Croatia it was.

Scott is Croatia's eighth recruit this year and coach Terry Hennessy still is looking for new players!

The other recruits are Ian Wallace, Willie Herd, Branko Milosevic, Robbie Dunn, Alan Davidson, Jim MacLean, Andy Humble and Tony Lemeznis.

Both Croatia and Scott are set for a bumper season.

"I came here (Melbourne) round about the end of January and I spoke with Terry Hennessy. He told me his plans for me and for the team and I liked what he said. I think Croatia will be

DELAI GETS NEW TEETH

Striker Lote Delai looked pretty good scoring two goals for Fiji last week and soon he'll look even better.

Four fans were so delighted with his performance in a match against Solomon Islands that they're buying him a new set of front teeth.

Lote, 20, lost the front teeth years ago in a childhood accident and has never been able to afford the \$260 needed for a denture.

"After his second goal we felt we really must do something for him," one of the four fans said.

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BUSES FOR CROATIA

Melbourne Croatia is organising buses for supporters to go to Sydney for the opening game of the West End National League against Sydney Croatia on March 29.

The buses will leave Melbourne Croatia's complex at Lot 1 Somer St, Sunshine North on Saturday, March 28 at 7.30pm, returning on Monday morning, the day after the big match.

The cost is just \$60, so all you Croatia fans out there get in touch with the club and arrange to support the team when it travels north.

PATCHING AVAILABLE

Former England youth international Martin Patching wants to come to Australia.

Patching, 28, is a former Wolves and Watford midfielder, currently staying and playing in the Oxford area.

Clubs interested in contacting him can phone England on (0491) 37173 or write to him c/o Cross Keys, High Street, Wallingford, Oxford.

Anyone for Subbuteo?

The NSW Subbuteo Table Soccer Association is conducting a membership drive.

The long-term aim of the association is to compete in the 1990 Subbuteo World Cup in Italy.

The association wants to set up similar bodies in other States with a view to eventually establishing a national association. Further information can be obtained by writing to: The Secre-

In the placid little puddle which Australian soccer is, the subject of doping has hardly ever raised its head.

When it did, it was usually in the context of some horror story or another overseas.

Quite probably there was never any real need for the matter to be tackled head on in the NSL or any other grade of soccer.

But, just for once, it may be a good idea to plan ahead in a way which will reflect favourably on the code. Rugby League showed the way a season ago by instituting random dope tests, but we could still trump them.

While the grunt-and-thump brigade did blaze a new path for Australia's football codes, it failed to go the whole hog.

The tests and — more importantly — their results, are secret and any positive results are referred back in a very hush-hush manner to the club of the player involved.

Soccer could and should institute its own random testing program, at the highest level of the sport, the NSL, without any of the ridiculous secrecy surrounding Rugby League's experiment.

I am confident that, unless alcohol becomes a prohibited substance, none of our top level players have anything to fear from such a program, or from the publicity which would surround it.

The anticipated series of negative results would be useful ammunition in a campaign aimed to further enhance soccer's superiority over the oval-ball codes of various types.

We already have a big plus in being perceived as a physically much less brutal game of football than League, Union or Aussie Rules.

Now we could also be seen to be the first football code in Australia which not only pays lip service to the eradication of drugs' inroads into sport, but also the first to be willing to open itself up to public scrutiny in the matter.

There is another very practical reason why the screening of our players at the local level should com-

DOPE TESTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

mence at the first opportunity.

What with the sensational allegations rife in European soccer at the moment, it is odds-on that drug tests at all international tournaments will become the rule in the foreseeable future, probably within the next couple of years!

We have ambitions in the international arena, therefore we will have to subject ourselves to the conditions established by FIFA and its constituent organisations. Finding out that one of our Soccerers has failed the standards set in the middle of the World Cup Finals would be just a little bit too late.

And remember, heroin, cocaine, marijuana and the like are not the only substances which could bring down harsh penalties on the unsuspecting heads of team and players.

A whole range of medications, innocuous enough in everyday use, but considered capable of artificially boosting a sportsman's or woman's performance capacity, is already on the prohibited list, including even nasal sprays and drops of various kinds.

Come on soccer, let us show the way for once to all other football codes!

Crucifixion of Toni

While on the subject of drugs and other misdemeanors, we would be remiss to ignore the storm which is raging around German World Cup goalie Toni Schumacher.

Big Toni was never an angel who can forget the brutal foul he committed against France in the 1982 World Cup semi-final, for instance?



Straight Shooting

with PETER SCOTT

But he seems to be getting the rough end of the Pineapple just now.

During the course of the past few weeks Toni has been fired as the skipper of the national team, banned from the squad, suspended for one match by his club FC Koln and then had his contract — valid till 1989 — terminated by the club.

At the time of writing this column the West German Federation was also girding its loins, to punish him mercilessly.

High price to pay at the age of 32.

So what was his crime? Lack of discipline? Cheeky to the coach? Alcoholism, drugs, wine, women and songs?

Nope, none of those. Indiscipline and a lack of tact is all that Schumacher could be accused of.

His autobiography, originally planned as a print run of 30,000 and hastily quadrupled by the publishers, made a number of sensational claims about West German soccer and its standards of morality and ethics.

These included widespread abuse of various pills, sprays, drops and other medications in an increasingly insane scramble for success.

Players depend on the stuff, club coaches close their eyes to what is occurring, sleazy medics blithe-

ly prescribe and administer the substances which are nothing less than poisons inserted into the systems of young footballers.

Schumacher honestly, openly and without any fear or favor discusses the situation.

He deplores the increasingly multifaceted intervention of "medicine" into his sport.

Not forbidden drugs, they would have been discovered by the dope tests at the Mundial, but an avalanche of injections and tablets of various kinds.

No wonder that almost all of the West German World Cup squad's members were only shadows of their true selves during the autumn session of the Bundesliga.

During their stay in Mexico and the time immediately prior to it, their bodies were subjected to a load which was way beyond their normal capacities, aided by chemical intervention of the type already described.

That the Pendulum swung across to the other extreme on their return home only surprised those who don't understand what goes on in a sport which rewards success with millions in hard cash.

Or those, perhaps, who prefer not to know what's going on around them!

Toni Schumacher, as I already said, is no angel; by

his own admission he tried drugs at a very young age.

Irresponsibly, stupidly, but with his eyes open and brain functioning, drawing the necessary conclusions from the very, very, very deep low which inevitably followed a brief but impressive high.

Same as the low which followed in the wake of a certain international cup fixture FC Koln was involved in in 1984.

Prior to the kick-off, Toni's team mates were consuming a cough syrup containing very large doses of ephedrine in half litre quantities.

The opposition arrived with a goal advantage in Cologne, only to lose by 1-0 in the return fixture.

He was on aggregate saved the club from a financial crisis and salvaged the livelihood of the players.

Drug abuse? Certainly, but cup competitions were — and are — still free from testing, except at World Cup level.

Can anyone be surprised, though?

We live in a world where the worth of human beings is too often measured by their performance to arbitrary standards set by others, not necessarily with the most noble motives in mind.

Not only football players, others, too, feel the pressure to use artificial and

dangerous substances to improve their performance levels, otherwise they will not measure up at their workshop, in the office, or in bed.

It is thus, that the goalie mentioned the pressures on young men of enforced separation from their loved ones, away at lengthy football camps, tours and tournaments.

Former Bayern Munich star Paul Breitner was the only one to show any maturity in response to Schumacher's book; even though he was harshly criticised as the real boss of the national side during Jupp Derwall's period as manager.

Breitner calmly stated that it was about time the public fully realised that football stars are normal human beings, who succumb to the same pressures as everyday men and women, who like a drink, will pay attention to the opposite sex and don't mind breaking the monotony of training camp by playing cards.

Compared to this mature statement the reaction of the official echelons of West German soccer has been nothing short of hysterical.

In a nation priding itself on free speech, footballers are being told, in effect, that they are adult citizens with full rights only as far as their dealings with the tax authorities are concerned.

The multitude of hangers-on, who don't play the game but make a tidy living out of it, obviously believe that the players must under all circumstances keep their lips tightly buttoned up — or else!

Reinhold Mathy of Bayern Munich didn't write a book, although at the age of 24 he reached the end of his top level career.

A multitude of injuries,

removal of tonsils and appendicitis, fainting spells on the substitutes' bench, problems with his blood pressure and circulation, as well as attacks of migraine — there is hardly a virus in Munich which failed to attack this young man.

Club doctors professed little surprise, claiming all the symptoms were psychosomatic.

Or, in other words, physical manifestations of psychological problems.

Mathy was imagining his ills; how could it be otherwise in the case of a strong, young athlete?

Falling from one illness into another, Mathy gave up and retired.

In this, the greatest challenge of his long and illustrious sporting career.

It is important to point out that no-one, I repeat no-one, has denied any of the statements and allegations in his book.

This says something — something that is not very flattering — about the realities of German football. But one thing has been achieved — dope tests will become part and parcel of West German football next season!

TV Blues

Rumours of a possible link-up with the ABC by soccer are once again circulating.

Well, that's fine — as long as our link with SBS is not jeopardised.

SBS has stood by soccer through thick and thin for years, while other networks didn't show the slightest interest in our sport.

Its coverage has been consistently knowledgeable, entertaining and of a high quality.

It is also important to realise that, whatever television ratings may say, other surveys prove that an overwhelming majority of Australia's ethnic population tunes in to SBS TV.

And, like it or lump it, that is where soccer's market was, is and is likely to remain for the foreseeable future.

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Victorian State League
with JOHN MANGAN

Croydon 1 Dinamo 1

At Town Park on Sunday.
Scorers: French 15th (GD), Rastocic 51st (STAD).
Croydon seemed set to punish St. Albans Dinamo for its lack of height in defence but a second-half revival saw the teams share the points.

Jimmy Tansey lined up in his team's defence due to the suspension of captain Jim O'Reilly following his sending-off at Broadmeadows the previous week. Greg Brack, who has been playing in the middle of the back four so far this year, moved to left-back in Croydon's new-look back-line.

Tansey's team did all the attacking in the first 45 minutes drawing first blood in the 15th minute when Graham French beat Mick Colina in the air to put Croydon 1-0 up.

Ian Marshall was playing well at the back but Jimmy Nelson who had such a good game the previous week, found it hard to settle down and faded towards the end of the 90 minutes.

The tide turned for Tony Vrzina's Dinamo in the second half and it was midfielder Sveto Rastocic who put it back on level terms in the 51st minute.

Dennis Morovic and Goran Rujic, who have two goals apiece this season, looked dangerous in the Dinamo attack but couldn't clinch the winner.

Roy O'Shea came on 15 minutes from time for Brack who wasn't having the best of games trying to settle into his new fullback position.

W. Suburbs 2

At North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday.

Scorers: Tuck 5th, McCluskey 41st (WS).

"People pay \$4 to come and see us and I take responsibility for my team's performance. We were disgruntled. I was embarrassed by our performance, effort and discipline. It was atrocious."

So said Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor after his team's surprise defeat at home to Jim

Kondilis' Western Suburbs.

Suburbs put themselves on the way to victory when a long goal-kick from Spiro Kardamitis caused confusion in the Falcons' defence. David Wilson and Gerry Clarke hesitated before going for the ball giving Darryl Tuck time to run onto it. Clarke challenged Tuck for the ball and a free-kick was awarded against Falcons. Tuck took the kick himself and scored with a superbly struck shot.

The situation went from bad to worse for O'Connor's outfit in the 41st minute when Minh Tri Vo laid the ball off beautifully to George Koutsanis who in turn sent the ball to Tuck. Liam McCluskey was in the middle to volley Tuck's cross past Romeo Prezioso.

The second half saw Suburbs content to sit back and let Falcons come at them. Kondilis played with just Tuck up front and Suburbs only got the ball past the half-way line on a few occasions.

If O'Connor's team had a disgrace in the first half, it set to redeeming itself in the second term. But the damage had been done and Suburbs had the grit to hold out and win the game.

"We have not won at Morwell in the last three years," said Kondilis after the match, "and when we came here last year we lost 4-1, so I was very pleased with our victory."

"They put us under a lot of pressure in the second half and Kardamitis made some great saves."

Springvale 1

Caulfield 2

At Ross Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: House 60th (S); Bilsionis 2nd, Xynas 44th (C).

Caulfield shocked Springvale with a goal after two minutes and the home side never recovered.

A free kick was floated into the Vales area from the right and the ball glanced off the head of John Bilsionis, high into the net, catching Springvale goalkeeper Dennis Boland off-guard.

But the first half certainly belonged to Caulfield and Boland was forced into some fine saves.

Just when the Vales thought

Greg Warszawski puts Polonia on top, Falcons cop a blast



● Thomastown, back row: Mike Lynn, Kevin Carfora, Alan Kerr, Andy Higgins, Frank Arcoraci, Tony Cosen-
tino, Brian Coyle, Paul Temos. Front: George McMillan, Nick Constantinou, Mauro Raponi, Bobby McGuinness,
Russell Athersych, Pino Corallo, Robert Groce. Missing: Nino Di Martino, Rob Pinalto. Picture: LES

that they'd face a 1-0 deficit at the break, the slick-passing Caulfield threatened to hurt it on the break.

Springvale got onto the scorersheet in the 60th minute when the ever-alert Greg House pounced on a poor back pass by Andrew Theocharous, rounded the helpless Robert Madjer and from an acute angle scored a fine goal.

About 10 minutes later, Dragan Vasic broke through into a one-on-one with Madjer but the former Nunawading City goal-keeper made a fine save.

Paul Harris was again outstanding in Caulfield's defence, repelling everything the home side threw at him and in the final analysis, Caulfield deserved both points.

Northcote 1

Frank. Pines 2

At John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

Scorers: Bekiaris pen. 56th (NC); P. Hanneasy 36th, Buchanan pen. 78th.

Northcote only had itself to blame for its home defeat by Frankston Pines.

Neat, attractive possession football with plenty of one-two

was not enough to better Pines which were far more direct.

While Pines won the match they failed to show that they will be among the front-runners this season. Too many players have left the club in too short a time and it showed in Saturday's game.

Pines, however, were able to take advantage of Northcote's failure to get the ball forward and take the points home from John Cain Reserve.

Craig Miller was in great form for Pines and figures in the goal that put the visitors 1-0 up. A long ball from Pines' defence was met by striker Richie Armstrong who killed the ball nicely before sending it square to Miller on the left.

Miller took the ball to the edge of the area and beat Jimmy Leonardos before driving in a cross. Armstrong dummied and the ball came to Paul Hanneasy who hit it hard and low past Mark Turidina into the Northcote goal.

Northcote could have restored the balance only moments later when Kenny Drakeford caught Pines' keeper Rick Janssen off his line and sent in a shot that went just wide of the goal.

However, five minutes into the second half Drakeford beat Peter Thurlow on the left and charged into the penalty area where he was brought down by Mato Bozic, earning the home team a penalty.

Chris Bekiaris knocked home the penalty which went in off the post.

In the 55th minute, recent Pines signing Billy Buchanan came on to replace John Cumming and slowed the game right down.

Northcote went looking for the winning goal and came close when Peter Constantinou and Bekiaris combined only to have Bekiaris's shot parried by the goalkeeper.

The honors though went to Pines when Miller sent a long ball through to Armstrong who controlled it well and burst forward into the Northcote penalty area where he was brought down by Leonardos.

Buchanan, the ex-Frankston City midfielder, converted the penalty and gave Pines another respectable result.

— MIKE LYNN

Polonia 2

Box Hill 1

At Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Warszawski 6th, 34th (Pol); Roodhouse 22nd (BH).

Greg Warszawski powered Polonia to the top of the Buffalo State League with two first-half goals in Sunday's game against Box Hill.

He showed that he was in devastating form with a goal after only six months; and from then on the home crowd buzzed with anticipation whenever the ball came his way.

Polonia made the most of Warszawski's pace to score its first goal. He caught the Box Hill defence flat-footed when

he ran onto a through-ball and calmly slotted it past advancing Box Hill goalkeeper John McKinlay.

Box Hill though responded swiftly to the challenge. Its equalizing goal came in the 22nd minute when Alan Roodhouse came up from the back to hit home a cross from the left and put the Hillmen back in the game.

Twelve minutes later it was a jubilant Warszawski, who sewed up the game for Polonia when he latched onto another through-ball and opted this time to round goalie McKinlay and slot the ball home from a narrow angle.

He had a great chance to make it a hat-trick minutes later when he controlled a difficult shoulder-high ball in the area but his weak shot was easily handled by McKinlay.

Played in fine conditions, the game allowed both teams to control the ball and show their skills. It was a close match with Polonia's sharpness at front swinging the balance.

Warszawski was taken off in the 67th minute limping slightly and was replaced by Brendan Laki who continued to create problems for the Box Hill defence with his runs on the left-hand side.

Late in the game Box Hill started pushing forward for an equalizer but Polonia was swift on the break and came close to scoring when Peter Czapiak made a run on the right and sent the ball into the area. It fell to Laki who turned it into the side-netting.

On a couple of occasions the Polonia defenders were content to play short balls between themselves and were fortunate not to be punished by the Box Hill attack for their casual play.

However, Box Hill failed to hit top form in this game and has yet to live up to the promise it displayed in the Buffalo Cup.

— MIKE LYNN

Green Gully had to wait until the 58th minute to take the lead in a game

Green Gully 3

Broadmeadows 2

At Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Zemunik 42nd, Cannell 54th, McLelland 58th (GG); P. Kadlecik 24th, J. Kadlecik 52nd.

Green Gully had to wait until the 58th minute to take the lead in a game

that further reinforced Broadmeadows claim to a State League spot.

Broadmeadows, who felled current champion Croydon last week, shocked Gully by going a goal up in the 24th minute when 17-years-old Peter Kadlecik met a cross from Grant Smart who had received the ball from Renato Liberto in the middle.

Kadlecik out-jumped goalkeeper Lou Denys who had the sun in his eyes, to head the ball home.

Three minutes before half-time, Gus Macleod's team got back on level terms when Danny Zemunik picked up a loose ball on the edge of the box and curled a lovely shot past Dennis Pace.

Kulak's team kept pressing forward in the second half and in the 52nd minute Tony Ciantar overlapped on the left and put through a ball which John Kadlecik ran onto and hit past Denys.

A goal down for the second time, Gully fought back and only two minutes later Stuart Cannell found plenty of room to head a quickly taken corner into the Broadmeadows net.

Only four minutes later, another defensive lapse found Steve McLelland unmarked as he headed across, this time from the right, past Pace to give Gully the lead for the first time in the game.

Broadmeadows made a concerted effort in the last five minutes to salvage a point but having got this far there was no way Gully would let the game slip.

Though the result was disappointing for Broadmeadows, the performance of the team was very encouraging.

The young Kadlecik brothers in particular looked good and won praise from opposing coach Macleod for their display against his seasoned back-line.

Thomastown 0

AIS 1

At Partridge Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Nicolau 62nd.

Some idea of the depth of talent available at the Institute of Sport may be gained from the fact that this team that defeated Thomastown showed no fewer than five changes

from the one that gained a draw at Morwell the previous week.

It didn't seem to have upset its rhythm, though. Once it had come to terms with the hard ground, we were treated to some very entertaining soccer from the boys and at times in the first half they looked like running up a cricket score.

However, in defence of Thomastown it has to be said that these games against the AIS are played under unreal conditions.

Whilst there are no points at stake, there are player penalty points to be incurred all the same, with the result that the State League players are more inclined to mince around than to get stuck in.

That's how it was on Sunday at Partridge Reserve, and it was almost comical to see rugged players of the calibre of George McMillan for example pulling out of tackles for fear of incurring an inconsistent referee's wrath.

So there was an air of unreality about it all, far removed from the hurly-burly of normal State League fare.

It was as if we were watching a giant game of Subuteo played on a full-sized pitch in cricket weather... all very relaxing.

The AIS has some very talented players, without doubt, but occasionally at the back of the mind came the thought, as Jason Polak skipped neatly past three opponents, would he get away with that if this was for real?

At half-time Thomastown had Mauro Raponi to thank for still being on level terms.

This pudgy goalkeeper's ability sells his bulk. He's agile, he's brave and his reflexes are razor-sharp. He shored up his embattled defence like Horatius at the bridge, and one point-blank save from Alistair Edwards in the second half was pure Gordon Banks.

Thomastown had much more of the game in the second half, hitting the woodwork a couple of times, and young Pino Corallo, coming on after an hour for his first-ever senior game, hit the post with his very first touch, after a magic pass from Brian Coyle.

Nicolau's winner had a touch of class about it too. He bent a free-kick round the ball and past Raponi's despairing grasp with all the aplomb of Platini at his best.

It was a very pleasant, if a touch meaningless, affair.

Oakleigh 1

Fawkner 1

At Caloola Reserve on Saturday.

Scorers: Cozzella 5th (F); Gorgonidis 10th (H).

Frank McAleer's Fawkner made sure that Oakleigh faced a baptism of fire in its first home game in State League.

Fawkner, with Bruno Cozzella and Peter Verechia up front and Joe Palinkas re-establishing his spot in the midfield having been out of the game for a year, piled on the pressure from the first kick and looked set to teach Oakleigh a soccer lesson when Cozzella had a free header from a free-kick from the right. Goalkeeper Vafiadis got his hands to the Fawkner striker's header but could not stop the ball finding the back of the net.

For the rest of the half it was all Fawkner.

In the 10th minute it took a great save from Vafiadis to stop a Verechia header putting Fawkner further in front.

However, Chris Kalafatis's team battled valiantly and as half-time approached had kept Fawkner's lead down to one goal.

With one minute to half-time, Steve Kakantonis made a clumsy tackle on Peter Bordignon. The tackle earned Kakantonis a yellow card while Bordignon's response, which was to throw a handful of sand in Kakantonis's face, earned him a yellow card as well.

Moments after play restarted Steve Irvine cheekily nutmegged Bordignon and as Irvine ran past, the frustrated defender took a swipe at him. Referee Torben Sorenson had no choice but to send off Bordignon, reducing Fawkner to 10 men and changing the balance of the game.

While Palinkas continued to run riot on the right hand side for Fawkner, the second half saw Oakleigh come right back into the game and put its opponent's goal under pressure.

Oakleigh could have had a penalty 15 minutes from the final whistle when Gorgonidis fell in the penalty area but Sorenson thought otherwise.

The reward finally came for Oakleigh in the 80th minute when Jimmy Ross burst through the centre and should have scored, but Fawkner keeper Richard Wilson parried his shot. The ball was cleared as far as John Guscic who knocked it straight back into the crowded area where Gorgonidis gleefully slotted it home to the delight of Oakleigh fans.

Even with 10 men Fawkner looked dangerous on the break and could have won the game but Oakleigh battled hard particularly in the second half and deserved its first Buffalo State

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By JOHN MANGAN

Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
POLONIA	2	0	0	5	1	4
GREEN GULLY	2	0	0	4	2	4
ST. ALBANS DINAMO	1	1	0	5	2	3
FAWKNER	1	1	0	3	1	3
Frankston Pines	1	1	0	2	1	3
Thomastown	1	0	1	1	0	2
Broadmeadows	1	0	1	3	3	2
Caulfield	1	0	1	2	2	2
Western Suburbs	1	0	1	2	3	2
Croydon	0	1	1	1	2	1
Springvale	0	1	1	1	2	1
Oakleigh	0	1	1	2	5	1
Box Hill	0	0	2	1	3	0
Northcote	0	0	2	1	4	0

* The AIS is not included in the table as no points are awarded for the games it plays.

POLONIA 2 (Warszawski 6th, 34th) BOX HILL 1 (Roodhouse 22nd) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.
 POLONIA: Kie 6 — Liparski 7, Bennett 6, Kotzarnichalski 7, Smolarek 6 — P Czupnik 7, Flisak 6, Ryszard 6, Nysinski 6 (Dzignak 75th) — Storm 6, Warszawski 8 (Lakic 67th). Coach: Miron Bleiberg.
 BOX HILL: Kie 7 — Taylor 6, Davidson 7, McMillan 7, Roodhouse 7 — Brimmer 6, Burton 7, Hennessy D 6, White 6 (H T Moza 6) — Mori 6, Azzopardi 6, Coach George Murray.
 Best three: 3. Warszawski (P), 2. Burton (BH), 1. Roodhouse (BH)

NORTHCOLE 1 (Bekiaris pen. 56th) FRANKSTON PINES 2 (P Hennessy 36th, Buchanan pen. 78th) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.
 NORTHCOLE: Turudis 6 — Leonarados 6, J Constantinos 6, Patinotis 6, Boxkas 6 — Bekiaris 6 (H T Papas 6), Ross 6, J Guscic 6 — Politis 6, Diamantaris 6, P Constantinou 5 (Carlos 80th). Coach: Juan Toro.
 FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 7 — Cumming 6 (Buchanan 55th), Booc 7, Ferra 6, Parks 6 — Thurlow 6, Richardson 6 (Rush 73rd), Hodgson 6, Miller 6 — P Hennessy 6, Armstrong 7. Coach: Danny McMinimiee.
 Best three: 3. Gynopoulos (NC), 2. Miller (FP), 1. Armstrong (FP).

OAKLEIGH 1 (Gourlias 80th) FAWKNER 1 (Cazzella 5th) at Caloola Reserve, Saturday.
 OAKLEIGH: Vafadis 7 — Leletas 6, Tasiopoulos 6, Pahlina 6, Stokanidis 6 — Kakantoni 6 (H T Papas 6), Ross 6, J Guscic 6 — Politis 7, Irvine 7, Gourlias 6, Coach: Chris Kallitidis.
 FAWKNER: Wilson 7 — Walsh 7, Bordignon 6 (sent off 44th), Fattore 7, Schipano 6 — Palikas 7, Ferra 7, Tuffield 7, Stenson 7 — Cazzella 5 (H T Mancinelli 6), Verachia 6, Coach: Frank McAlister.
 Best three: 3. Ross (OK), 2. Palikas (F), 1. Irvine (OK)

THOMASTOWN 0 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 1 (Nicolau 62nd).
 THOMASTOWN: Raponi 8 — Cosentino 5 (Corallo 60th), McMillan 6, Alcantara 6, Constantino 5 — Carfora 5, Higgins 4, Tencio 6, (Corallo 75th) Vojles 5 — Athanasios 5, McGinnis 7, Coach: Mike Lyrin.
 AIS: Mower 6 — Healy 7, Koch 7, Cummings 6, Riddell 7 — Gibson 7, Polak 8, Clarkson 7, Nicolau 8 — Edwards 9, Foster 7. Coach: Ron Smith.
 Best three: 3. Polak (AIS), 2. Edwards (AIS), 1. Raponi (T)

GREEN GULLY 3 (Zemunik 42nd, Cannell 54th, McCalland 58th) BROADMEADOWS 2 (P Kadlecik 24th, J Kadlecik 52nd) at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.
 GREEN GULLY: Derys 2 — Hoggan 5, Ganeell 5, Gernaud 8 — Fraser 7, (Gully 56th) — Gunning 6, Zemunik 6, Zernuk 7, Ward 6 (in). Gully 56th. Coach: Gus Macleod.
 BROADMEADOWS: Pace 6 — Smart 7, Pizzini 7, Higham 7, Edmond 7 — Blair 6, Kostess 8, Qianter 5 — V Kadlecik 7, Liberto 6, J Kadlecik 7. Coach: Kaz Kulac.
 Best three: 3. Gernaud (GG), 2. Kostess (BM), 1. Zemunik (GG)

SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (House 60th) CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Bitsonis 2nd, Xynas 44th) at Ross Reserve, Sunday.
 SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland 7 — Bannon 6, Adams 7, Bissinger 7, Hoggan 6 — Swinson 6, (House 60th) — Gunning 6, Zemunik 6, Zernuk 7, Ward 6 (in). Gully 56th. Coach: Gus Macleod.
 CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer 7 — Filippou 7, Koutos 6, Harris 9, Michell 6 — Bitsonis 6, Theodoros 7, Abraham 7 — Xynas 6, Theodoropoulos 6 (in), Tassidris 48th, 6), Sahindis 6 (Taylor 80th). Coach: Takis Svingos.
 Best three: 3. Harris (C), 2. House (S), 1. Theodoros (C)

MORWELL FALCONS 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Tuck 5th, McCluskey 41st) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.
 MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 5 — Bingham 5, Clark 4, D Wilson 2, Tull 6 — van Barr 4, O Callaghan 5, E Cassar 4, A Cassar 4 — Stinton 6, Webster 4 (Bezzini 80th). Coach: Dave O'Connor.
 WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis 8 — Stefanidis 6, Kagioglou 6, Dimovski 9, Esposto 7 — D Macdonald 7, Farmer 7, Koutsanis 7, Tuck 8 — Minh 7 (in), Palmerichite 58th, McCluskey 8, Coach: Jim Kondilis.
 Best three: 3. Dimovski (WS), 2. Tuck (WS), 1. Kardamitis (WS)

CROYDON 1 (French 15th) ST. ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Rastocic 51st) at Town Park, Sunday.
 CROYDON: Waterman 7 — Brown 7, Marshall 7, Tansey 7, Brack 5 (O Shee 75th) — Brogan 8, Beech 7, J Nelson 7 — Livingston 6, French 7, Cooper 6, Coach: Jim Tansey.
 ST. ALBANS DINAMO: Grgic 7 — Kuzman 6, Krajacic 8, Ramjak 7, Colina 6 — Batovic 7, Culina 7, Rastocic 6, Duzel 6 — Morovic 7, Runk 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.
 Best three: 3. Marshall (CC), 2. Krajacic (STAD), 1. Brogan (CC)

NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Pshoutakis, 69th) KEILOR AUSTRALIA 0. Victorian League Cup at Mahoneys Reserve on Saturday.
 NUNAWADING CITY: Brian, Hurleston, Nellies, Servinis, Greenwald, Calafore, Fahy (Midfield 35th), Pshoutakis, Pote, Bastasin, Karak (P Bastasin, 75th).
 KEILOR AUSTRALIA: Luka, Apsey, Pocock, Wilkinson, Nikolic, Dimovski, Robertson, Greench, Perkin, Beller, Machuca.
 Fahy had to leave the field with a nasty cut over the eye after a head collision and eight stitches were needed.
 Perkin had the best chance of the first half but shot wide after Beller had headed on.
 Nunawading had the better of the second half with some excellent approach work, involving Greenwald, Pote and Pshoutakis in particular. The break came in the 69th minute with a great move.
 Hurleston found Pote on the right, who took the ball past the full back to the by-line then crossed perfectly for Pshoutakis to volley home.
 Luka then made a fine save from Pote, and shortly after a Greenwald shot was kicked off the line.
 Here are all of last weekend's Victorian League Cup results:
 Altona City 2 Hamlyn Rangers 1; Altona Gate 1 Werribee 0; Bell Park 4 Westgate 2 (aet); Bulleen 3 Ferntree Gully 1; Clarinda 0 Prahran Celtic 4; Clifton Hill 2 North Geelong 1; Doncaster Rovers 1 Knox City 2.

Pote sets up a win for Nuna

ong 3; Lalor Utd 0 Albion Turk Guc 4; Mooroolbark 2 Waverley City 0; Nunawading City 1 Keilor 0; Pascoe Vale 0 Hawthorn 1; Port Melbourne 3

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Joe Sweeney will be signed by Green Gully this week. Gully is paying Brunswick Juventus \$8,000 for the man coach Gus Macleod describes as "the missing piece in the jigsaw".

"He takes pressure off the guys around him," says Macleod who has now almost got his squad settled for the year. Scottish newcomer Joe O'Donnell is expected to return from injury in the next fortnight.

Gully plans to recoup some of the money spent on Sweeney by selling George Campbell and Costa Theodoropoulos. Box Hill has responded to Campbell's \$3,500 price by making an offer of \$3,000, while Caulfield is keen to sign Theodoropoulos but he wants to go to JUST. Theodoropoulos has a \$3,500 transfer maximum in his contract.

Broadmeadows' new signing Douglas Blair arrived from Scotland last week to join his brother Stewart at the club. He is still a few weeks away from match fitness. Striker Terry Nolan has resumed full training.

Northcote's South American signing Victor Hugo Espanol (not Espagnon, as previously reported) is still expected to arrive this week, while last week the club finished Pedro Ramos' transfer from Box Hill for \$3,500. Ramos played a full game in the reserves last Saturday and though not yet fully fit was in magnificent form.

Matt Macdonald, agreed terms with Croydon last week which will give a boost to the team's midfield while the outcome of captain Jim O'Reilly's tribunal hearing should be known by the time this paper reaches the news stands.

Springvale has just signed former Hellas and Frankston City player Rob Stewart from Mornington.

Springvale is one of the three clubs interested in Frankston Pines' John Cullen. Oakleigh and Caulfield have also looked at the midfielder who is valued at \$4,000.

Pines' defender John Cumming has signed for Oakleigh for \$750, his maximum, while coach Danny McMinimiee has picked up goalkeeper Branko Radovic from Mornington to cover the possible loss of Rick Janssen due to work commitments.

Billy Buchanan played for Pines last Saturday following his signing during the week. Pines have yet to formally release striker Ally Dick to Preston Makedonia as the money has not yet changed hands.

Caulfield, chasing Theodoropoulos and Cullen, is also keen to sign Melbourne Croatia's Tony Redmond or Melbourne-Hungaria's Robert Morrey. Defender David Brooks is still out of the team with a groin injury.

Polonia and Green Gully, the only two teams to have won both their games so far, clash on Sunday at Raleigh Reserve.

While Polonia tops the table, Gully showed last week that it can cope with adversity when it came back twice from being a goal down to win the game against Broadmeadows. Macleod's Gully team is quickly taking shape and should be too strong for the Polonia line-up which will be basically unchanged from last Sunday.

The Institute of Sport plays its first home game on Saturday night when Bobby McLachlan's Springvale side makes the long bus journey to Canberra.

The A.I.S. will be riding high after defeating Thomastown in Melbourne last weekend to notch up its first victory in the competition. Coach Ron Smith has arranged for 10,000 free tickets to be distributed by schools and sponsors, including the Commonwealth Bank, to win local support in the Institute's team's fortunes.

Back in Melbourne, St. Albans Dinamo's coach Tony Vrzina has set his team the target of earning six points from its first four games. With three points under the belt and a game at Green Gully coming up Vrzina will be counting on both points from Broadmeadows to keep his team on schedule.

Frankston Pines should be too strong for Oakleigh in Sunday's game at the Monterey Boulevard ground. Pines have been getting consistent results in their State League games as well as their earlier Buffalo Cup outings.

Coach Danny McMinimiee has successfully re-arranged his Pines side.

"We're not doing too badly for a team that's not being paid. Even though a lot of players have left or are in the process of moving, morale is good. We'll be looking for a result against Oakleigh. It gets a bit harder after that when we have to play Box Hill, Croydon and Green Gully," says McMinimiee.

Fawkner has already shown that it is a serious contender this year and Frank McAlister's team was right on track for a victory last weekend until the side was reduced to 10 men with the sending off of Peter Bordignon.

Croydon, Fawkner's opposition on Sunday at Smiths Reserve, seems to be still finding its feet this season. A patchy game at Broadmeadows was followed by a match against Dinamo in which a poor second-half display saw victory slip from the team's grasp.

Home advantage and the extra incentive of beating the reigning State League champions should be enough to tilt the game in Fawkner's favour.

Thomastown travels to Ralph Street Reserve on Sunday to meet Jim Kondilis' Western Suburbs.

Mike Lynn's Thomastown plays for the first time this season with a full-strength team now that all his players have served the suspensions that they incurred last season.

However, Suburbs will be busting with confidence following last week's shock victory at Morwell. David Smallman was injured in that game and Minh Tri Vo was taken off after receiving a kick, but both should be back for Sunday's match.

Suburbs' victims last weekend, Morwell Falcons, make the difficult journey to Box Hill on Sunday and will have a lot to prove.

Coach Dave O'Connor gave his team a real rallying after that disappointing performance and for him it's a matter of going back to basics and sorting out what went wrong.

Box Hill has yet to show its true colours in the State League and should find Falcons a handful with a draw the most likely result.

Caulfield has started off the season in great style being unfortunate in losing the first match. Coach Takis Svingos is not satisfied though and is taking every step to further strengthen his squad.

Juan Toro's Northcote has failed to get the results in spite of the team's undoubted skills. The side has a lot to look forward to with the arrival of Ramos and Espanol but even without them could come out of its game against Caulfield with a draw.

Northcote needs to blend its skill with more aggression and directness and if it can do that against Caulfield it should be a great game to watch.

Here are this weekend's

games with the likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
 ST. ALBANS DINAMO v Broadmeadows at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.
 Caulfield City v Northcote City (draw) at Princess Park, 3pm.
 INSTITUTE OF SPORT v Springvale at Bruce Stadium, 7.30pm.

SUNDAY
 FRANKSTON PINES v Oakleigh at Monterey Boulevard, 3pm.
 WESTERN SUBURBS v Thomastown at Ralph Street Reserve, 3pm.
 FAWKNER v Croydon City at Smiths Reserve, 3pm.
 Box Hill v Morwell Falcons (draw) at Wembley Park, 3pm.
 Polonia v GREEN GULLY at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.



Joe Sweeney



The AIS team, back row: Ron Smith (coach), Alistair Edwards, Steven Horvat, Peter Gunning, David Mower, Alex Cummings, Paul Foster. Front row: Alan Riddell, Jason Polak, David Healy, John Gibson, David Clarkson, Dean Nicolaou, John Koch. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

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Experienced midfielder John Wallace is looking for a club. He has just been given a free transfer by Melbourne-Hungaria. The former APIA, Melbourne Croatia and Polonia player also represented Victoria and is keen to join a team as soon as possible. He can be contacted on 645 3846.

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MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Paul Lewis 55th, Biskic 80th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0. Buffalo Cup Final at Olympic Park, last Saturday night. Crowd: about 13,000. Cautions: Davidson, Talajic (MC); Miranda, McDowall, (SMH). Referee: Stuart Mellings 5.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 8 — McIntosh 8, Dunn 8, Hannah 9 — Biskic 8, Campbell (inj) Scott 15th, 71, MacLean 7, Talajic 8, Davidson 6 — Lemeznina 7 (Humble 82nd), Lewis 8. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 5 — Russell 6, Anzakis 6, Blair 6, Postecoglou 7 — Kalogeros 7 (Andriotis 84th), McDowall 5, Miranda 5, Craine 5 — Egan 4, Wright 5 (Stevenson 70th). Coach: Brian Garvey.

Hellas' bubble didn't burst. It disappeared down the drain-pipe and Croatia captain George Hannah was the man who pulled out the plug.

Hannah did the best man-marking job seen in years against one of the finest forwards in Australian soccer — Charlie Egan. The Hellas striker broke clear of Hannah just

By
CRAIG MACKENZIE

**Man of the match:
GEORGE HANNAH
(M. Croatia)**

once in 90 minutes but rushed his volley, sending the ball well wide of goal. For every other second of the game, Hannah shadowed Egan and won every challenge in a display which is just about certain to earn him a berth in the Soccerro training squad to be assembled shortly.

"I was absolutely delighted but the thing that pleased me more than anything was the character our lads shows. There are times when you need more than just good players, times when the chips are down and you can't just rely on skill and pace. That's when you need players who know how to handle things, who can go into the lion's den and still perform and I think this side has that quality," said Croatia coach Terry Hennessy.

But the Croatia boss also sounded a warning to his charges. "The first player that thinks that the job is done because we won the Buffalo Cup is getting his backside booted out the door and any coach that wants him is welcome to him. People have asked me if the thing that happened last year (when Croatia won the Buffalo Cup) then had a mediocre season) will happen again. It won't. There are a few players around this

place now with too much character to let that happen."

Croatia won its 20th major trophy on Saturday night. It has won three championships and the 23 other honors are made up of Dockerty, Armstrong, State League, Ampol and Buffalo Cups and the 1986 Ansett Challenge Shield. This remarkable cache of silverware has been amassed since 1968. Clearly, Croatia is the most successful club in the history of soccer in Victoria.

But Hellas entered this final as favorite. It had strutted its stuff throughout the preliminary rounds while Croatia looked brittle early on, even though it wasn't conceding goals.

Hellas certainly is great going forward but there are definite question marks hanging over the defensive aspects of its play. How come Egan and Danny Wright rarely had room to move while Paul Lewis and Tony Lemeznina were able to get involved more?

And coach Brian Garvey's moves also were open to question immediately after referee Stuart Mellings blew the final whistle.

Why did Garvey go against his stated policy of not chang-

ing a winning line-up by leaving Stuart Stevenson on the bench?

Why did Garvey take off Wright when he at least was getting a few touches while Egan was being soundly thrashed by Hannah?

Why did George Kalogeros come off when he was Hellas's best midfielder on the night? "I just wanted to strengthen the centre of our midfield. That's why Richard Miranda came into the starting line-up. I also wanted to give Danny Craine a bit more scope by playing him out wide," said Garvey.

"Charlie Egan's always sniffing about the goalmouth and even if he's closely marked he can bob up and score, that's why I left him on."

George Kalogeros did well for us in the first half. He was stopping Alan Davidson coming forward and he was getting past Alan a few times as well. But in the second half their battle reached a sort of stalemate and when I put Stuart Stevenson on in place of young George it was because I needed someone who could get forward a lot more at that stage of the game."

But by then the writing was on the wall for Hellas. And when Josp Biskic scored a strange looking goal 10 minutes later, there was no way out of the mess that Hellas was in.

Biskic got the ball at least 20 metres from goal. Miranda challenged Biskic as the little Croatia midfielder shot. The ball struck Miranda's studs and spun toward the near post. Peter Laumets seemed to take an eternity to reach it and in the end failed to do so. It rolled inside the post and nestled in the back of the net as fireworks and fervent chants of "Croatia Croatia" signalled the end of Hellas's chances of winning the Buffalo Cup.

But it was Croatia which had the greater problems early in the match. Davidson shouldn't have played. He needed a pain-killing injection to stop him hobbling about with a bad Achilles tendon injury. He hardly could move at training the night before the final but he was determined to play against his old club.

Then there was the back injury which got the better of Jimmy Campbell after just 15 minutes. Like Davidson, Campbell shouldn't have played. Like Davidson, there was no way he wasn't going to take part in a Buffalo Cup Final coupled in an exhilarating atmosphere thanks to the 13,000 fans who came armed with banners and flags to cheer on their team.

The flares that were thrown onto the synthetic running track may have brought a frown to the forehead of ground manager Roger Hampson but the carnival-like atmo-



● Melbourne Croatia captain George Hannah proudly holds the 1987 Buffalo Cup aloft after Croatia's win over Hellas. At left, Croatia president Jack Skoblar crowns his team's best player. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

sphere which is becoming a tradition at such finals is tremendous for the game and I'm sure that players respond well to their supporters' urging.

While Hannah was shackling Egan, big Dave McIntosh had the task of tagging Wright and did so in style. Robbie Dunn was the free man at the back and took care of the few loose balls that came his way. Of course, he also was tremendous in the air whenever Hellas was daft enough to float balls into the Croatia penalty area.

In the 5th minute, Mark Talajic, who gets better every time I see him play, made a superb run down the left and sent over a tantalising cross. Lemeznina, unmarked, headed down firmly but the ball flashed just wide of the post. Luckily for Hellas, for Lemeznina should have scored.

Four minutes later Wright sent Craine down the left but Dunn galloped across and made a commanding sliding tackle to knock the ball out of play.

A minute later Hellas strung together its best move of the game. Manny Anzakis played in an exhilarating ball to Craine on the left and his inch-perfect far post cross was met by Wright who headed powerfully but straight at Mirko Runje.

Steve Blair played a poor pass in the 17th minute. Biskic intercepted then sent teenager Lemeznina down the right wing.

Lemeznina's cross was met by the incoming Jim MacLean who tried a spectacular mid-air volley but he couldn't connect with the ball firmly.

Kalogeros's shot in the 25th minute was deflected but Runje was at his near post in time to gather cleanly.

Talajic robbed Craine in the 44th minute and played a really fine ball to Lewis on the left. The linesman gave Lewis off-side but the Croatia striker looked outside from my vantage point.

Lewis didn't have much time to remonstrate with the linesman for within a minute Alan Scott, who had joined Croatia the year earlier for \$15,000 from Adelaide Hellas and replaced the injured Campbell, sent Davidson curling far post cross was headed wide by Lewis with Laumets flatfooted, watching the ball thankfully sail just past the post.

Croatia had taken the points in the first half. Miranda and Garry McDowall, Hellas's central midfielders, simply weren't in it. That trend continued in the second half which certainly surprised me. Goodness knows why a player of McDowall's quality wasn't able to exert some authority on this final.

But two minutes into the second half, Hellas should have hit the front. It didn't of course, and this was the last time it seriously threatened the Croatia goal.

Egan shouldered McIntosh out of the way (honestly, he did) and with Runje coming out of goal, volleyed over.

Hellas paid for this last chance shortly after. In the 55th minute Craine was robbed (not for the first time in the game either) by Biskic who then sent Scott down the right wing. Scott's right-footed cross to the near post was a cracker and Lewis's glancing header left Laumets helpless as the ball flashed into the bottom far corner of goal.

I could almost hear Hennessy saying: "I told you so."

Three minutes later Wright made a fine run down the left. He cut inside, past two defenders, only to hit a low shot straight to Runje. Before you could blink Lewis was facing Laumets at the other end of the park. This was it, the coup de grace. No, Lewis dived on the ball too long, allowing Bobby Russell to recover and make a great tackle.

Then came a terrible decision from referee Mellings. An atrocious back header left Laumets with little option but to charge off his line and attack the ball. Lewis motored in, tapped the ball past Laumets and was impeded by the arms of the Hellas goalie. Lewis hit the deck. Croatia fans jumped to their feet, Mellings waved play on and I buried my head in my hands.

In the 68th minute Craine passed to Kalogeros wide on the right. His far post cross was met by Paul Wade, who had replaced Wright, but under pressure, Wade couldn't get another goal to put him under pressure to perform. Hennessy put it slightly differently. "I've put a rocket up Mirko's arse," he says. Point taken, judging by Runje's display here.

Biskic's goal laid the already crippled Hellas to rest. Andy Humble replaced Lemeznina late in the game and in the 88th minute spun around six metres out but failed with an attempted volley. Had he struck the ball cleanly that would have been goal number three.

It didn't matter. Nothing mattered much then. Only getting out of the car and heading to the York



● Somewhere below this huddle of excited Croatia players is little Josp Biskic whose goal drove the nail into Hellas' coffin. Alan Davidson (No 3), Tony Lemeznina, Mark Talajic, George Hannah and Dave McIntosh are the other men in the huddle.

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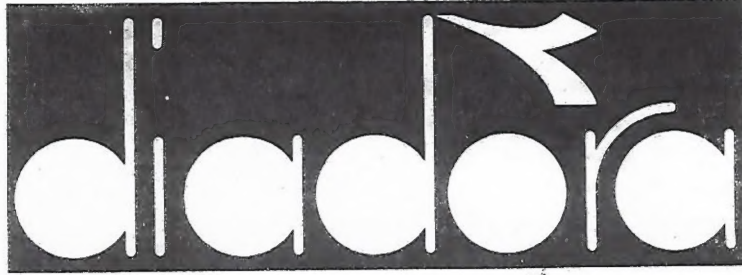
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'BUDS' BLOOMING IN THE WIND

The State Bank League of NSW opened last weekend with a number of shock results.

Manly, playing with a number of local juniors, overpowered Ku-Ring-Gai, Inter Monaro led 3-1 and 4-2 against the high-flying Melita Eagles but in the end settled for a draw, while Newcastle Rosebuds took two points after a gust of wind helped a 48 metre cross into the net!

And what about Canterbury, back at Arlington after all the problems of recent weeks? Few would believe this side to have enough players, let alone a competitive side in 1987. However, its hard-working secretary, Jimmy Ronis, managed to hire Jim Barbouts from Sydney Olympic as first grade coach, then sat back and watched the Canterbury youngsters take a point from a side which completed in the NSL last year!

Blacktown City steamrolled Warringah Freshwater 4-0 but the visitors from Sydney's north shore should be feeling fairly happy about the scoreline as the Demons missed at least half-a-dozen sitters.

Rockdale Ilinden and Sutherland drew 0-0, predictably, at Hurstville Oval and both sides will have to improve considerably up front if they are to cause concern to other State League teams.

Ilinden has lost Nastevski to Marconi and Sutherland suffered its own problems after Hughes went to St George. While Sutherland has found a fine replacement for Hughes in Daryl Sharpe I can't say the same for Rockdale Ilinden.

Uruguay moved to a new ground last Saturday and had its own opening ceremony with a variety of dignitaries present. But the promise by the president of the Uruguay soccer club, in his welcome to the supporters, that Uruguay would win did not come about.

In fact Uruguay led but was leaden-footed in the second half and lost by a single-goal margin.

Manly 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 0

At Cromer Park.
Scorers: Cimarosti 15th.
Strengthened by the arrival of Glen Jefferey but weakened by the loss of Leigh Watson, Ku-Ring-Gai went into battle against Manly composed and in search of two points.

Few expected Manly to create a miracle after Ku-Ring-Gai had swept it aside 4-1 the previous week.

However, Manly struck first and never relinquished the lead. A long clearance by Wayne Pearce in the 15th minute saw Mark Cimarosti race away from the Ku-Ring-Gai defence before slotting his shot wide of the keeper.

Manly continued to surprise and should have been two up after only 21 minutes. Cimarosti cut his cross back to Robbie Stuart who rushed his shot and put it well over the bar.

Ku-Ring-Gai settled from then on and things started to fall into place.

Alas, for all its fine play and attacking style, the side failed to notch a single goal to its credit, losing this initial State Bank League encounter 1-0.

Jeffery went close in the 26th but not close enough as his shot skimmed wide of the post. Craig Bass managed to beat Warren Tingle but the ball was cleared off the line. The second half saw Ku-Ring-Gai come out firing on all cylinders with eight successive corners being the closest it came to finding the net.

Shots by Fagan, then Jeffery were cleared off the line giving Manly an unexpected victory.

**Blacktown 4
Freshwater 0**
At Gabbie Stadium.
Scorers: Van Blerk 25th, Thornthwaite 50th, Jeffery 55th, Ellem 85th.
Blacktown City Demons

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soared to the top of the table in the NSW State Bank Soccer League after one of the most one-sided games seen at the Gabbie.

The benevolent Demons scored four and missed at least eight good goal-scoring chances with Freshwater offering only a token resistance when Domenico Giannone came on as a replacement in the last 15 minutes. In fact, Giannone and Dennis Corrigan missed for Freshwater at that late stage, but by then the horse was bolted.

Alan Dean and Don Smith stood against this awesome Blacktown offensive as the last barrier and neither could be blamed for Freshwater's downfall. Dean threw himself into tackles and worked very hard in an effort to stop the Demons while Smith made some fabulous saves.

Following an early chance the home side missed opportunities in the 22nd, 23rd, 26th and 28th minutes with Kay, Van Blerk, Sandy and Thornthwaite the offenders. In the meantime, Jason Van Blerk did manage to waltz into the penalty area in the 25th and from an angle beat Smith with a powerful drive.

Playing some good football, Blacktown completely dominated the second period and yet again missed some golden opportunities. However, two quick goals in the space of five minutes by Thornthwaite and Jeffery sealed the issue with Brian Ellem chiming in to complete the scoring late in the match.

In the circumstances, it was difficult to pick the best among those live-wire Demons, but Ellem and Paul Kay came closest with Van Blerk making a valuable contribution.

R. Ilinden 0 Sutherland 0

At Hurstville Oval.
Vladimir Tortevski, Rockdale Ilinden's star midfielder, was sent off at Hurstville Oval with 13 minutes to go after an incident involving Steve Meades.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for Ilinden, the side that had the upper hand for most of the match.

Before his dismissal, Tortevski was among the best players suggesting that he is nearing top form. However, should he continue with his habit of getting parked on the bench it is definitely not going to do his club any good at all.

To add to Ilinden's woes, Jimmy Risteviski, one of its best forwards, has decided to hang his boots up for a year! At the other end, one expected more from this young and enthusiastic outfit from Sutherland Shire. Daryl Sharpe was a constant menace and with some good work by Meades proved more than a handful for this Ilinden defence well led by Mitrovski.

In the end, the safe hands of Barker and Burchmore kept the scoreline blank with Sasha Spirovski missing the best chance of the day.

He was only five metres from the line and completely unattended when a cross came his way. His heater was sadly misdirected.

Tortevski repeated the dose in similar circumstances.

Canterbury 1 Canberra 1

At Arlington Oval.
Scorers: Palacios 30th (C), Stemos 10th.

Canberra City was held to a draw by Canterbury Marrickville at Arlington Oval last Sunday despite being the better side for most of the match.

Having to do battle against a very young and inexperienced side, Canberra showed a lack of poise and maturity despite the fact that the line-up is almost the same as that which played in the NSL last season.

Phil and Alan Reis as well as Billy Wilcox are the additions to the squad.

Augusto Palacios, Canberra's player-coach, shot his side into the lead after 30 minutes with a sizzling drive which at long last subdued an in-form Chris Hummell.

The visitors continued to pile on the pressure, but Hummell and Radman stood tall at the back of the Canterbury defence, soaking up a lot of pressure and leading by example.

Then came an unexpected goal which divided the points

in the end. John Petas went for a cross then dummied, allowing young John Stemos to score.

The game continued to be played in Canterbury's half but with no change to the scoreline despite some valiant efforts by Sermani, Palacios and Reis.

For Canterbury this was a sweet end to one of the better weeks the club has faced recently. The local Council reversed its previous decision to force Canterbury off Arlington Oval and for the time being at least the club will play its home matches there.

Macedonia 1 Newcastle Rose 2

At Berkeley Sports Ground.
Scorers: Penfold 17th, Harrison 67th (NU); Gardiner 45th (NW).

The wind at Berkeley Sports Ground played havoc with this match between Wollongong Macedonia and Newcastle Rosebuds and in the end decided the issue.

Scott Harrison decided to send in a cross after 67 minutes from just inside Macedonia's half. His looping cross which travelled the best part of 45 metres was picked up by a gust of wind and sailed into the top corner of the net giving the goalkeeper little if no chance of saving.

In those windy conditions, it was difficult to play football, hence very little skills were seen. Newcastle hit the front after 17 minutes when Dale Rowney's corner was backheaded by Craig Penfold.

Then on the stroke of half time, Rose Milosevic lost possession on his own 16-metre line and Macedonia was back in this match at 1-1 with Dean Gardiner scoring a cracker of a goal.

Newcastle must be heartened by this win. It is no secret that the Rosebuds are intent on taking a few scalps at Adamstown but for them the most pleasing aspect of this game was the performance of their midfield trio.

Derek Caisley is 18-years-of-age, Warwick Maher is also 18 and Scott Gresham only 18! These three played their hearts out and are good signs for the future but one would feel that Joe Senkalski's return could do a lot for the morale of this young and eager outfit.

Wollongong Macedonia had its last chance through Bruce Tilt but his shot found the woodwork.

Inter Monaro 4 Melita Eagles 4

At Marco Polo Ground.
Scorers: Felizzi 3rd, 45th, Panbiancio 14th, Giampaolo 62nd (M); Foxman 20th, Farrugia 48th, 78th, Brown 65th (ME).

It was champagne football at Marco Polo with Inter Monaro leading 2-0, 3-1 and 4-2 but still losing a point to this fighting outfit from Granville.

Melita Eagles turned up without some of their regular players who were out due to



Rockdale Ilinden star Vladimir Tortevski — sent off against Sutherland.

injury, Billy Griffiths, Ken Wilson, Graham Lomas and Tony Cabassi were missing from the Eagles defence.

Forced to make changes, coach Dennis Hoggart decided to try Meerabani and Callanan at the back with Williams and Laing. It would have been foolish to expect this defence to hold the likes of Valeri and Giampaolo and sure enough it didn't.

Melita looked to have the upper hand early and hit the post through Wellbourne in the very first minute. Only a minute later, Farrugia found Brown who managed to find the side netting from close range.

Another minute passed before Inter found the opening and this time there was no mistake. Ivo Felizzi drew first blood.

Ray Farrugia broke through in the fifth and looked set to score but the keeper parried the shot. Farrugia got a second bite of the cherry but sent his shot over the bar.

Then in the 12th minute Foxman hit the crossbar.

Only two minutes later, Inter Monaro was two up when Panbiancio hit the back of the net.

Birol Serbas, Farrugia and Anthony Wellbourne combined to set up John Foxman in the 20th and he made the score 2-1.

Serbas was upended in the 27th and Farrugia took the penalty kick, but the reliable Farrugia missed on this occasion!

To make matters worse for the visitors, Giampaolo took on Craig Williams then sent in a pass for Felizzi who made no mistake and it was 3-1.

A fierce free kick by Greg Brown in the 48th saw the goalkeeper spill the ball and Farrugia was on hand to make it 3-2, but Giampaolo got into the act once again to pick up a through ball from Valeri and round Derek Laing before making it 4-2.

Serbas started the move for Melita three minutes later in the 65th which netted yet another Serbas to Wellbourne to Brown and yet another fierce drive followed to make the scoreline 4-3.

Then came a Farrugia special. With 12 minutes left, Farrugia received the ball from Farnsworth then unleashed a superb 30-metre drive which left the Inter goalkeeper grasping at thin air.

Uruguay 2 Wollongong City 3

At Cook Park.
Crowd: 650.
Referee: Arthur Owens 5.
Cautions: Woods, O'Donnell, Hastie (U), Stefanovski, Easthorpe (WV).

Scorers: Genc 21st, Batten 35th (U), Morlando pen, 47th, Easthorpe 67th, Ainsworth 83rd (WV).

The opening game of the league season at Cook Park went to Wollongong City, but the visitors must consider themselves lucky to take the points after being two goals down after the first 45 minutes.

Some fierce tackling, poor defensive work and lack of cohesion on both sides saw the first 45 minutes go to the local side. Uruguay worked its way into a scoring situation on a number of occasions with Craig Thompson and Aytek Genc creating problems for the visitors.

Ian Hunter in his first outing for his new club, gave notice of some good form but stretched out in the 19th minute and pulled a calf muscle. He was replaced by Le Fevre, rendering Uruguay's forward line almost ineffective.

WV, Wollongong City's defence was leaking like a sieve.

Gabriel Wilk was the first to break through early in the match and with three players in support and only two Wollongong defenders to beat he sent his pass to nobody! The ball simply ran across the face of goal with Batten furious with Wilk.

Wilk was also on the spot to save a goal for Wollongong City. A cross from the left by Batten was missed by Warwick Young leaving Gary Hastie with a simple header into a quickly taken free kick by Wilk, with his back to Hastie, simply got in the way with the ball bouncing clear.

Earlier on, in the 21st, Aytek Genc had raced through from a quickly taken free kick by Craig Thompson to score with the Wollongong City defence napping.

Genc and Thompson combined to set up Batten in the 35th. The ex-Wollongong City star slammed a great right foot shot from some 25 metres high into the roof of the net to make it 2-0.

Arcoza should have given the visitors their first goal two minutes into the second half. It was time for the Uruguay defence to stutter as Arcoza and Easthorpe broke through. Hastie challenged Easthorpe, the ball ran to an unmarked Arcoza and it looked like curtains for Barry Hoare. But Arcoza's shot hit the keeper and bounced out to safety.

When the referee pulled out the red card for Gary Hastie the downfall of Uruguay had started. Reduced to one striker, due to the loss of Hunter, and down 1-0 men, Uruguay was doomed.

In the 62nd Easthorpe turned inside the penalty area and ran into Drago Tomasich. Both players fell to the ground. The free kick could have gone either way, however the referee pointed to the spot and Giacomo Morlando made it 2-1 from the resultant penalty.


From here on in it was all Wollongong City.

Sensing victory, Wollongong players played with more poise and soon levelled the scores. A Brian Cokely cross found Larry Berringer at the far post. His shot few across the penalty area but the big foot of Randall Easthorpe charged in to fire one into the net.

Jeff Ainsworth scored the winning goal with a superbly taken free kick.

There was no denying that the visitors showed a lot of character to come back from two goals down and take the points and few would doubt that Wollongong City deserved its win. However, the game was marred by some rough-house





STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 2 21/22 MARCH

Saturday, March 21, 1987.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS —

BLACKTOWN CITY

Adamstown Oval k.o. 7.00 pm.

INTER MONARO —

MANLY WARRINGAH

Marco Polo

Sunday, March 22, 1987 k.o.

2.30

KU-RING-GAI — URUGUAY

Valentine Park

WOLLONGONG CITY —

ROCKDALE ILINDEN

Wollongong Showground

SUTHERLAND —

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA

Seymour Shaw Park

MELITA EAGLES —

CANBERRA CITY

Melita Stadium

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER —

CANTERBURY

Inter Monaro Fitness Centre

State Bank League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	P
BLACKTOWN CITY	1	0	0	4	2	2
WOLLONGONG CITY	1	0	0	3	2	2
NEWCASTLE RUDD	1	0	0	2	1	2
MANLY WARRINGAH	1	0	0	1	0	2
MELITA EAGLES	0	1	0	4	4	1
Inter Monaro	0	1	0	4	4	1
Canterbury	0	1	0	1	1	1
Canberra City	0	1	0	1	1	1
Rockdale Ilinden	0	1	0	0	1	1
Sutherland	0	1	0	0	1	1
Ku-Ring-Gai	0	0	1	0	1	0
Wollongong Macedonia	0	0	1	1	2	0
Uruguay	0	0	1	2	3	0
Warr. Freshwater	0	0	1	0	4	0

MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Cimarosti 15th) KU-RING-GAI 0 at Cromer Park.
MANLY Tingle 7 — Dennis 7, Mangan 7, Pearce 6 (Sestanovich 81st, A. Williamson 6 — Etherington 5, Stuart 7, Jurgens 6, Smith 5 (Loughran 84th) — Carrick 6, Cimarosti 8.
KU-RING-GAI Lacey 7 — Keven 6, Pepper 6 (Bennett 81st), Berry 7, Sutherland 5 — Sutherland 7, Oulley 7, N. Williamson 7 — Nile 6 (Fagan 61st — 7), Bass 6, Jeffery 8.
 Best three: 3. Cimarosti (MW), 2. Jeffery (K), 1. Stuart (MW)

BLACKTOWN CITY 4 (Van Blerk 25th, Thornthwaite 50th, Jeffery 55th, Eillem 85th) WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 0 at the Gabbie.
BLACKTOWN: McPherson 7 — Maier 8, Storey 7, Reynolds 8, Northam 7 — Jeffery 7, Kay 8, Eillem 8 — Sandy 7, (Cotton 55th), Thornthwaite 7, Van Blerk 25th.
WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Smith 7 — Gillan 6, Cassachia 6, Falconer 6 (62nd De Marigny), Dean 8 — Garrett 6, Tkachuk 5, Campbell 7, Davies 7 — Corrigan 6, Sandner 5 (Glanville 75th).
 Best three: 3. Eillem (B), 2. Kay (B), 1. Van Blerk (B)

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 SUTHERLAND 0 at Hurstville Oval.
ILINDEN: Barker 8 — G. Wilson 7, Boogard 7, Mitrovski 8, Wilson 7 — Torkeski 8 (sent off 77th), Nastoski 7, Plovovski 7 — Bedoni 6, Spirovski 7, Roads 6.
SUTHERLAND: Burroughs 8 — Nelson 7, Ball 7, Terry 7, Seller 7 — Tasker, Meades 8, Harrington 7, Lerond 7 (Cox 78th) — Duncan 6, Sharpe 7.
 Best three: 3. Mitrovski (RI), 2. Burroughs (S), 1. Barker (RI)

CANTERBURY 1 (Stemos 53rd) CANBERRA CITY 1 (Palacios 30th) at Arlington Oval.
CANTERBURY: Hummel 3 — Mickovski 6, Radman 8, Anonadiis 7, Vankaraks 7 — Kalozeras 7, Stemos 53rd, Stemos 6 (Antonopoulos 65th), George 5, Arambasic 5.
CANBERRA CITY: Economopoulos 7 — Bryant 7, Dunn 7, Nelson 7, Mazis 8 — P. Reis 7, R. Juna 7, Sermani 7, Palacios 9 — A. Reis 6, Willox 6.
 Best three: 3. Hummel (C), 2. Palacios (CC), 1. Radman (C)

URUGUAY 2 (Genc 21st, Batten 35th) WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Morlando Pen 62nd, Easthorpe 67th, Ainsworth 83rd) at Cook Park.
URUGUAY: Hoare 6 — Woods 7, O'Donnell 7, Hastie 6 (sent off 47th), Tomasich 6 — Mosquero 5, Thompson 7, Genc 8, Wik 5 (Morson 58th), 5 — Hunter (15th Le Fèvre, 5), Batten 6.
WOLLONGONG CITY: Young 6 — Skeen 7, Berringer 6, Holifield 6, Morlando 6 — Ainsworth 83rd, (Arcoas 46th, 7), Coakeley 7, Stefanovski 6 — Easthorpe 6, Girald 7.
 Best three: 3. Skeen (W), 2. Genc (U), 1. Ainsworth (W)

INTER MONARO 4 (Glempo 62nd, Felizi 3rd, 45th, Pansalanzo 12th) MELITA EAGLES 4 (Foxman 20th, Farrugia 48th, 78th, Brown 55th) at Marco Polo.
INTER MONARO: Notaras 5 — Monteros 5 (Martiniello 76th), Tilius 7, Ambrosino 7, Whitaker 5 — Pansalanzo 8, Fernandez 7, Gaggiti 8 — Valeri 7, Glempo 7, Felizi 3rd.
MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 6 — Laing 6, Callanan 6, Williams 5, Mourani 7 — Wellbourne 6 (Vial 60th), Farrugia 8, Farnsworth 7 — Brown 6, Foxman 8, Serbas 6.
 Best three: 3. Gaggiti (IM), 2. Serbas (ME), 1. Foxman (ME)

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 1 (Gardner 76th) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS 2 (Penfold 17th, Harrison 60th) at Barkley Sports Ground.
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Terziovski 7 — Muhbauer 7, Ruskin 7, Sweeney 7, Campbell 6 — Dalkovski 8, Kirovski 7, Kerr 7 — Girald 7, Gardner 6, Jirsa 6 (Til 75th).
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS: Gnita 7 — Harrison 7, Mountford 8, Milosevic 7 (47th, 48th, 7) — Coakeley 6 (Wilkes 80th), Maher 6, Gresham 6 — Drysdale 6, Penfold 6, Rowney 6.
 Best three: 3. Dalkovski (WM), 2. Mountford (NR), 1. Milosevic (NR)

Sermani, Palacios take on Melita

The second round of the 1987 NSW State Bank League this weekend should set apart those that will inevitably finish in the lower part of the table from those at the top.

The main match of the round will be at Melita Stadium with the home team facing the in-form Canberra City on Sunday.

Do not be misled by that awful hiccup at Arlington Oval by Canberra City. Canberra is a very strong outfit and will give the locals a run for their money. I suspect that Melita will take the points though, but not before a tough struggle with Canberra.

Tom Sermani, Augusto Palacios, the Reis brothers, Bryant, Dunn and Mazis are enough to force any team to consider its strategy carefully. However, I feel that Melita will have just that much speed where it matters — up front — and this will be decisive.

Inter Monaro, with Giampolo and Valeri back in harness, will be too strong for Manly Warringah on Saturday at Marco Polo ground. Only Cimarosti and Stuart look likely to cause damage to the home side but I feel that it will be very difficult to hold this free-scoring side from Queanbeyan with Fernandez, Valeri and Giampolo to do the damage.

Sutherland will edge out Wollongong Macedonia at Seymour Shaw, and the man the Sharks those precious points will be Daryl Sharp.

Warringah Freshwater surely can't lose against the Wollongong Canberra outfit, but watch out — Canterbury has a potential match-winner of its own and his name is Zlatko Arambasic. He's only 19, but he's explosive.

By ALEX VESIC

sive and very fast. We'll hear a lot more about this teenager, I'm sure.

Wollongong City and Rockdale Ilinden give us yet another derby in this second round and I hesitate to predict the result here. The home team was pretty inconsistent against Uruguay. Rockdale Ilinden, on the other hand, always had the upper hand against Sutherland but, with very little punch up front, had to be satisfied with one point.

I think that a draw here would please Rockdale Ilinden more than the locals. Ku-Ring-Gai and Uruguay square up to each other at Valentine Park on Sunday.

Without the injured Hunter, Uruguay faces an uphill task. However, one could hardly call the home side world-beaters after losing

to Manly's under-strength line-up last weekend. One point apiece will be enough to see unhappy faces at both clubs, but that looks the most likely outcome.

This weekend's games, with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
 Newcastle Rosebuds v BLACKTOWN at Adamstown Oval at 7pm.
 INTER MONARO v Manly Warringah at Marco Polo Ground, 2.30pm.

SUNDAY
 Ku-Ring-Gai v Uruguay (draw) at Valentine Park, 3pm.
 Wollongong City v Rockdale Ilinden (draw) at Wollongong Showground, 3pm.
 SUTHERLAND v Wollongong Macedonia at Seymour Shaw Park, 3pm.
 MELITA EAGLES v Canberra City at Melita Stadium, 3pm.
 WARRINGAH FRESHWATER v Canterbury at Narraben Fitness Centre, 3pm.



Adelaide Juventus captain Buggy Nyskohus holds up the 1987 SA Ampol Cup after his team's 2-1 victory over Adelaide Hellas in last week's final.

Spectator strikes McNally

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP with ALLAN CRISP



ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 2 (Santrac 30th, Villani 47th), ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Honeyman 70th, penalty). SA Ampol Cup Final at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 7876. Referee: Jim Rossis 7. Cautions: Mousoulis, Manou, Hristodoulou (AH); Santrac (AJ).

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 8 — Shillabeer 7, Nyskohus 8, Flounders 8, Tobin 7 — Melis 8, Santrac 7, Villani 8 — J. Mullen 8, Wilde 6, Vidmar 8. Coach: Zoran Matic.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: A. Crook 7 — Franzila 7, Hiam 8, Mousoulis 7, Pansia 9 — Manou 7, Hristodoulou 8, Atsalas 6 (Anastasiou 64th) — Price 6 (Karamidas 52nd), Honeyman 7, Konstantopoulos 6. Coach: Peter Jaksa.

Adelaide Juventus won its 11th SA Ampol Cup and five of its players fell under the Socceroo microscope after this bruising final.

John Margaritis, deputising for Frank Arok as national team talent-spotter at Hindmarsh, Neville Flounders, Joe Mullen and Alex Tobin to join Sergio Melita for the next Socceroo training camp.

When asked his impressions from a national team viewpoint, Margaritis singled out Villani as the player who grabbed his attention.

"Will I recommend him? I would recommend Villani to Barcelona," Margaritis exaggerated.

The Socceroo assistant supreme also spoke in glowing terms about the scintillating form of Joe Mullen and the distinct possibility of iron-man Flounders and former Socceroo youth defender Tobin being part of the second Australian team to play in the Perth tournament in May.

Hellas midfielder Lou Hristodoulou will not be considered for the senior squad because of his heavy involvement with the Socceroo youth team.

But in the Ampol Cup Final, Hristodoulou displayed the maturity which, barring injury, will certainly gain him a senior national team berth before long. Hristodoulou was one of Hellas's best performers in a side which was a gallant loser in a fitting final. Adrian Santrac was the surprise scorer of the opening goal after 30 minutes of intensely even competition.

Santrac has never previously got his name on the Juventus scoresheet, either in NSL play or in this night series, but his Brazilian-style free kick from 25 metres was a spectacular way to open his account.

A flashback then to October 19, 1986 and Juventus's NSL triumph over Sydney Olympic as Melita sent Villani racing into the box before angling a drive past Alistair Crook in the Hellas goal.

With the score at 2-0 Juventus permitted itself to display the arrogance of a national champion, but Hellas was not about to capitulate.

For Hellas bore the unmistakable stamp of class and resilience of every team coached by Peter Jaksa as it fought its determined battle for a revival.

The break came in the 70th minute with a penalty awarded for a foul by Paul Shillabeer on George Konstantopoulos.

Graham Honeyman's clinical spot-kick put Hellas back in the final and provided the slightest moment of the evening when a spectator jumped the fence behind the goal and struck Juventus goalkeeper Willie McNally.

The tough Irishman did not allow the incident to unnerve him as Hellas mounted its late bid for the equaliser that would spill the game into overtime. It almost came from a spearing drive from the irrepressible Honeyman, but Melita was on the Juventus goaline to head the attempt clear.

Marconi and Rezo sent off, APIA blows 2-0 lead

Marconi 3 APIA 2

At Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1300. Referee: Richard Lorenc 9. Scorers: Kartholos 9th, Buter 44th (AJ), Farina 80th, Carbone 88th, Maxwell 89th.
 Marconi and APIA tested their skills in the challenge Cup and Marconi had the wood on its Italian-backed counterpart.

APIA led after the first 45 minutes and looked set to walk away with the points. However, it was not to be, as Marconi came surging back in the last 10 minutes of the match to snatch a deserved victory.

Peter Kartholos was an instant success with the APIA fans when he shot his new club into the lead after only 10 minutes, but few would think it possible that APIA could upset this high-scoring machine from Fairfield.

Then, in came Terry Buter with a goal on the stroke of half-time which almost sealed it for APIA.

In search of success, Marconi's coach, Roberto Vieri, took off Okon and Gunning at half-time and replaced them with Rizzotto and Nastevski. Then he brought on Gary for Markovski after 66 minutes but APIA still held a comfortable 2-0 lead.

Out of the blue, the red set in for Rale Rasic as Frank Farina turned his man only to be brought down, and he wasted no time in scoring from the resultant penalty.

MARCONI 3 (Farina 90th, Carbone 88th, Maxwell 87th) APIA 2 (Kartholos 9th, Tredinnick 44th) at Marconi Stadium.

MARCONI: Jones 7 — Rizzotto 7 (Okon 46th), Wheatley 8, Henderson 7, Stierley 7 — Carbone 7, Gray 6 (Markovski 85th), Gomez 6 — Farina 7, Maxwell 6, Nastevski 6 (Gunning 46th, 7) — Brady 6, Zaimi 7, Bertogna 6, M. Brown 7 (Masi 87th) — Tredinnick 7, Bundalo 7, Parison 5 — R. Brown 5, Katholos 7, Buter 6.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Patalis 62nd, 67th, 72nd) ST GEORGE (Masecock 15th) at St George Stadium.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Rogers 5 (Zervas 46th, 6), Ratcliffe 6, Dakos 7, Hantzis 8 — Phillips 7, Johnstone 7, Raskopoulos 6 — Patalis 9, Karamidas 6, Kalantzis 6.
ST GEORGE: Gibson 5, (Bouhassas 88th) — Green 7, Owens 6, O'Shea 9, Kulcar 7 — Slavski 8, Porter 6 (Portier 66th), Moffitt 8 — Ollershaw 6 (Colata 65th), Fletcher 6 (Grbevski 65th), Masecock 7.

HAKOAH ST GEORGE 0 at Marconi Stadium.
HAKOAH: Hughes 8 — Barratt 6 (Paterson 66th), Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, Hooker 6 — Soumessy 7, Barnes 6, De Marigny 7, Parish 7 — O'Saod 7, Lee 5.
ST GEORGE: Gibson 6 — Green 6, Owens 8, O'Shea 7, Kulcar 7 — Porter 7 (Portier 70th), Slavski 7, Moffitt 7 — Caleta 5 (Hughes 87th), Ollershaw 6 (Grbevski 70th), Masecock 6.

MARCONI 3 (Farina 5th, Savor og 40th, Nastevski 87th) CROATIA 2 (Slater 51st, Arnold 67th) at Marconi Stadium.
MARCONI: Jones 7 — Carter 8, Storey 7, Henderson 7, Wheatley 7 — Mason (sent off 67th), Carbone 7, Lowe 8, Okon 7 (Nastevski 54th), Farina 7, Maxwell 6.
CROATIA: Franken 7 — Savor 6, Vilestra 7, Jones 6, Jennings 7 — Rezo (sent off 67th), Rumora 7, Clinch 7 (Slater 46th) — Lamond 6, Jurin 6, Cerro 6 (Arnold 46th).

sphere, the two sides displayed enough to show that they won't be push-overs in the new West and National League, with Hakoah having more chances and St George showing more zest.

Hakoah should have taken its chances in both periods with Lee facing Gibson in the 13th from a fine through ball by Saad. Lee was in the clear soon after half-time but could not beat the keeper.

A shot by Barnes was well saved by Gibson during the first period to add to the Hakoah finishing woes.

Saints had their own problems in finding the net. A cross by Porter after 25 minutes saw no less than three St George players attempting to hit a bouncing ball and all of them missed.

The Hakoah keeper made a

well. With nobody expecting a shot, he simply curled one just inside the post for the winner!

It was a cruel blow for Croals. The side played without stars Odzakovic and Rozic, who were rested, as were Arno and Slater for the first 45 minutes.

Frank Farina broke the deadlock early to make it 1-0, then an own goal saw Croatia sink to 2-0 behind before Slater, from an angle, and Arnold, with a superb drive, drew Croatia level.

Syd George 1 Syd Olympic 3

At St George Stadium. Crowd: 2850. Referee: T. Seacy 6. Scorers: Masecock 15th (SG), Patalis 62nd, 72nd, 76th (S).

"We wuz robbed," claimed Syd George players and officials after the match with Sydney Olympic last week. Saints players were incensed with the decision to cancel Fletcher's goal which would have given them a commanding 2-0 lead.

In fact, the referee gave the nod for the goal and pointed to the centre line. However, the linesman had other ideas and managed to convince Mr Seacy that an offside decision should be given. Mr Seacy then awarded a free kick to Olympic.

It was all Saints for the full 60 minutes. Olympic looked disjointed and without any leadership. Its lines cracked constantly with Saints missing a few good openings.

Then came an error by Gibson and Patalis was quick enough to capitalise and equalise in the 62nd. From then on it was a different story. It was all Saints for the rest of the match, which was a devoted support, which came forward looking for goals and Terry Patalis was soon to make it 2-1. He was at the end of a corner kick and totally unmarked, giving Gibson no chance.

Gibson and Michael O'Shea got tangled up in the 76th, and yet Patalis was the beneficiary, giving Olympic a comfortable lead.

lunging at the feet of Saints players to keep his net intact; then Souness cleared off the line from Moffit.

Marconi 3 Sydney Croatia 2

At Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2300. Referee: A. Owens 9. Sent off: Mason, Rezo (67th).

Scorers: Farina 5th, Savor 0.5.40th, Nastevski 87th (H), Slater 51st, Arnold 67th (SC).

Marconi took revenge for its recent defeat in the State Bank Challenge Cup by defeating Croatia 3-2 with the decisive goal coming from Zlatko Nastevski late in the game.

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Overseas round-up
with PAUL MOON

MENOTTI PULLS OUT A PISTOL

● Boca Juniors' coach Luis Cesar Menotti produced a pistol when preventing Estudiantes de la Plata fans attacking him after an Argentinian League game. It was a toy pistol and no action will be taken against him.

● Everton has signed strikers Wayne Clarke and Stuart Storer from Birmingham City for a combined fee of \$600,000.

● Sporting Gijón's recent 4-0 hammering of Spanish League leader Barcelona was its first-ever win at the Campo Nuevo Stadium and Barca's worst home defeat for 25 years.

● Racing Club of Buenos Aires has signed Ubaldo Fillol, Argentina's goalkeeper during its 1978 World Cup triumph, from Atletico Madrid.

● Gaetano Scirea set an appearance record for Juventus when wearing the Zebras' black and white striped jersey for the 529th time last month.

● Seven countries have lodged provisional applications with FIFA to stage the 1994 World Cup finals. They are: Algeria, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Morocco, South Korea and the United States. No European nations were invited to apply, as Italy will stage the 1990 event.

● England under 21 international striker Paul Wilkinson has moved from Everton to Nottingham Forest in a \$550,000 transfer deal.

REAL LOSES VALDANO



● Jorge Valdano of Real Madrid has been sidelined for the remainder of the season due to hepatitis. Real made the announcement last week which is a major blow to its chances of clinching the 1986-87 Spanish league championship. Valdano was a member of Argentina's successful 1986 World Cup Final team.

West Germany, Cologne kick out Schumacher

With his provocative autobiography "Starting Whistle", Toni Schumacher has unintentionally blown the final whistle on his own West German career.

Within four days of the book going on sale, it was clear that the 33-year-old goalkeeper had scored a spectacular own goal.

The West German Federation (DFB) banned him from the national team for good last week and he became an

outcast with his club Cologne, the side he had devotedly served for 15 years.

Internationally respected as one of the best goalkeepers in the world, the fiercely proud Schumacher had to accept an ignominious end to seven years in the national team. He played 76 times, appearing in two World Cup Finals and winning a European title.

Schumacher, whose hostility to the Press has made him as unpopular with the public, main-

tained his customary silence apart from a single television interview during which he defended his book.

Though his allegations of dope-taking among past and present West German players captured the headlines, it was his merciless attacks on colleagues and officials which provoked disciplinary action.

The authorities felt they could no longer tolerate as national team captain a player who could write of a colleague: "Many young players

are bone idle. On top of that, some are pitifully stupid. Olaf Thon is a classic example."

The young Schalke midfielder was neither alone in declaring he would not play with Schumacher in the national team again nor in threatening legal action.

The spicy autobiography, ghost written by French television journalist Michel Meyer, makes allegations about the social life of many members of the West German squad at the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

Schumacher's suggestion that medically checked prostitutes be allowed in the national team training camp added further fuel to the flames.

Popularity

His popularity among fans, who feel strongly that he is "one of us", is based on his down-to-earth attitude and on an obvious, almost manic, commitment to winning at all costs.

The publication of his book shows his impulsive, tempestuous tendencies. Other players would have waited until they retired before making such allegations but Schumacher typically rushed in where angels fear to tread.

The punishment for his rashness is severe for someone of his ambition. He will be forced to sit out next year's European Championship in West Germany where he had expected to be both captain and star of the home team.

Worse still, he has to part with his beloved Cologne club at the end of the season, one year before his contract expires.

Schumacher, born in Dueren not far from the cathedral city, has played more games for Cologne than anyone else and has often said he could never imagine playing for another team.

But his claims that Cologne players have been taking drugs for years and that he himself had experimented with pep pills were too much for officials who ruled he had brought the club into disrepute.

Overseas?

It is clear he will not play for the team again and that his future career as a goalkeeper would have to be abroad.

However, there are at least two positive aspects of the bizarre affair for Schumacher.

One is that his drug allegations will almost certainly result in regular dope testing in the Bundesliga next season.

The second is that the publicity is making "Starting Whistle" sell like hot cakes: 70,000 copies were sold within four days and the publishers ordered a reprint with firm hopes that they can sell more than twice as many as originally expected.

At long last River Plate wins the Libertadores Cup

South America's club team of the year in 1986 was certainly River Plate, but the mystery is that after being Argentina's most successful team for years — a country which has produced the continent's best club teams consistently as is shown by their having provided 15 Libertadores Cup holders out of 27 — it managed to win the trophy for the first time only last year, then beating European champion Steaua Bucharest for the World Club Cup to gain the international recognition it would have often deserved in the past.

Club Atletico River Plate, to give the full name, is Argentina's largest all-sports soccer playing club with approximately 75,000 members, the stadiums situated close to the banks of the River Plate in a suburb of Buenos Aires. It is the club which boasts the most domestic titles — 17 first division and three national — since the start of professional soccer in Argentina in 1931.

River Plate is the country's most popular club together with Boca Juniors with whom it has maintained a close rivalry ever since both clubs were founded almost 100 years ago. The throw of each other in the Boca port district where mostly Italian immigrants live.

The fusion of two Boca district soccer teams — La Rosales and Santa Rosa — composed mostly of students, resulted in the formation of the Club Atletico River Plate, named after the river on the banks of which it was played.

Then, on May 25, 1901 — a public holiday in Argentina because it was also on that day, almost a century earlier, that the country declared its independence from Spain.

The boys had little money and the cheapest playing shirts that could be bought were white, but as many of the teams at the time were white — possibly for the same reason — the River Plate boys stitched red bands diagonally across them... and these are still the club's main shirt colors today.

The club became affiliated to the Argentine FA in 1905, entering a team in the third division from which it won promotion to the second division in its first season and in 1908 it gained further promotion to the first division after beating



● The late, great Angel Labruna — one of the finest players ever to wear the famous River Plate colors.

the already famous Racing Club in playoffs.

River Plate's rapid rise to prominence continued the following year when it was second in the first division behind the top team of the day, Alumni, and was also the only side which managed to beat it (1-0) that season.

The club moved to several loaned locations in the Boca district before building the best stadium in Buenos Aires at the time when its sporting success was also accompanied by a good financial position. A split in Argentine soccer in 1919 produced two leagues and River Plate won one of them its first top title — the following year.

In 1923, the now prosperous club moved away from the mostly poor Boca district to acquire a large portion of land in the more prosperous northern side of town which installations for numerous sports were built apart from a new stadium. In 1931 another split in local soccer produced the first professional league which River Plate joined, winning the title for the first time the following year.

Its purchase of leading players, especially that of Carlos Peucelle at the then record fee of 10,000 pesos, brought River the nickname "Millionarios" (Millionaires) the club continues to be heavily involved in the transfer market. But this does not

mean that it has not produced its own great players through its many junior teams of all age groups.

Among the many famous players and teams it has produced, the best remembered is still that of the 1940's which was named "La Maquina" because it played like a machine — the players had come up through the junior ranks playing together — with a famous forward line composed of Munoz, Moreno, Pedernera, Labruna and Loustau (or Deambrosi), the best-remembered of all being Angel Labruna because he was involved in so many of the titles won by the club.

It was Labruna who brought back the smiles to River Plate fans as coach of the team which won the first division in 1975 after an interval of 17 years — the longest period the club had ever been through without winning a title in professional soccer.

Just before that lean spell however it had taken the title three years running — a feat which only Racing Club had achieved before and no club since... although River Plate itself won both the first division and national championship in 1979 (for the second time) and the first division the following year for its third straight title. (Now the championships have been combined into one national league.)

More famous than Labruna throughout the world as Alfredo Di Stefano who had already found fame with River Plate as a goal-scoring forward before moving to Real de Madrid.

The title River Plate could never win was that of South American champions — the Libertadores Cup — in spite of qualifying to play in the competition 10 times before last year. Final appearances in 1966 and 1976 ended in frustration as first Uruguay's Penarol and then Brazil's Cruzeiro met it — in both cases in a third replay — although River Plate had always given preference to the cup competition to the detriment of its league campaign. Now, after 10 years later by coincidence, it was third time lucky, but on the previous 10 occasions it had usually been favourite to take the trophy. Often the pressure of fans, press and club officials seemed to be too much for the players — in spite of high bonuses offered — and the team failed at vital moments.

River Plate bought the land where its present club is situated in the northern Nunez district of Buenos Aires in 1934 and its present "Monumental" stadium was inaugurated on May 26, 1938, and then enlarged with government funds as main venue for the 1978 World Cup Finals to its present 75,000-capacity making it the favorite venue for international matches.

To qualify for last year's Libertadores Cup, River Plate won the first division championship by 10 points. As Libertadores Cup holders it automatically enters this year's cup tournament at the semi-final stage, but it could also still win the new national league A title.

With its strong playing staff with its reserves so far, it is eight points from the top with a game in hand and still has 15 games to play.

Even its reserves include a couple of Uruguayan internationals — and its obsession with the trophy, it could be Libertadores Cup holder for some time to come.



● Passarella



● Boniek

PASSARELLA HIT FOR SIX

Argentine defender Daniel Passarella was last week suspended for six weeks by the Italian League's disciplinary committee for kicking a ball-boy during a recent match.

In a separate ruling, the committee banned Roma's Polish midfielder Zbigniew Boniek for four league matches. He was sent off against Torino recently for arguing with the referee.

Boniek, who flew to Warsaw last Saturday for Poland's friendly against Finland last night (Wednesday) missed Roma's vital league match against Lazio last weekend.

Passarella, the former Argentine captain, had already been fined five million lire (\$45,139) by his club Internazionale Milan for the kicking incident which occurred during the team's game against Sampdoria in Genoa.

Passarella kicked 16-year-old Maurizio Piana on the leg after he was apparently slow to retrieve the ball in the closing minutes of the First Division game which Sampdoria won 3-1.

He publicly apologised to the boy and his father later.

In an unusually heavy week, the disciplinary body also suspended a further 10 First Division players for one match each. They included two other Internazionale players, goalkeeper Walter Zenga and defender Giuseppe Bergomi.

UEFA refuses to budge on English ban

English clubs will remain the pariahs of European soccer, in continuing penalty for the Heysel Stadium riot disaster in Brussels, Belgium, on May, 1985.

The European Football Association committee decided by a margin of 8-3 in Bern, Switzerland, last week that English clubs would not be able to return to the three European competitions next season.

The committee announced in a statement after the English Football Association argued its case for 90 minutes: "The executive committee took note with interest steps taken in England by the FA and the league to combat hooliganism and troublemakers at football matches. The majority decision, however, was that it is necessary to wait another year to see how the situation would develop."

FA chairman Bert Millichip targeted last August's trouble between Manchester United and West Ham fans on a cross-Channel ferry as important to the committee decision.

"I feel that weighed in their minds... the ferry incident was the nail in our coffin," he said afterwards.

"If we are going to avoid trouble abroad we have got to stop the people travelling. We must do something about them."

English Football Association chairman Bert Millichip told reporters he was deeply disappointed at the decision.

"It is my feeling that with the ban on English clubs UEFA has decided that the minimum should be three years," he said.

"It is my sincere hope we will be readmitted next year even under the current circumstances."

UEFA Executive Committee sources said the decision against England was on the basis of an 8-3 majority vote. They did not specify which countries' members had voted which way.

UEFA president Jacques Georges said after the meeting that he had made clear it was now up to the British government to take steps to prevent hooligans travelling abroad and causing trouble.

"In other countries there are violent incidents too, but never in their away European matches," he said.

Millichip said he sought an urgent meeting with British Sports Minister Richard Tracey on his return to London.

It is now up to the government to decide on definite steps to prevent football hooligans travelling abroad with our teams," he said.

But English Football League president Phil Carter, also in the delegation in Bern, said he was disappointed that UEFA had not made clearer what it wanted from the English during the one-and-a-half-hour hearing, which came against the backdrop of an apparent upsurge in crowd problems in several continental European countries, notably the Netherlands.

The Dutch Football Association last week announced plans for membership cards to control entry to high-risk games in response to recent incidents, in particular serious rioting at a Den Hague-Ajax Amsterdam game early this month.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST



● Keith Adams (right) receives the 1984 State League Cup from Victorian State League chairman Vito Cilauro after Croatia's 4-0 win over Green Gully in the final. Also pictured is Croatia team manager Frank Burin. Adams now plays with Springvale City which is coached by Bobby McLaughlan, the man who coached Gully in the early 1980s, the club's greatest ever era.



● The great Ziggie Gadecki (right) challenges Croatia's Horst Rau during this Victorian State League clash in 1967. Gadecki played for the Polish Olympic team before joining Polonia in Melbourne. He only spent two seasons in Victorian soccer, more's the pity for he was an absolutely outstanding winger.

● Flashback to 1961 and the men of Brisbane's Hellenic proudly display the Ampol Cup they won that year. Back row: D. McKenna, G. Kitching, J. McCarthy, L. Tsombaras, G. McMillan, L. Petie, B. Topfer, L. McCrea. Kneeling: B. Volgar, C. Kitching (captain), D. Clark, N. Dvornicich. This was an era in which Hellenic dominated the code in Queensland and had a National League been formed in those days that club certainly would have mounted a strong claim for inclusion.



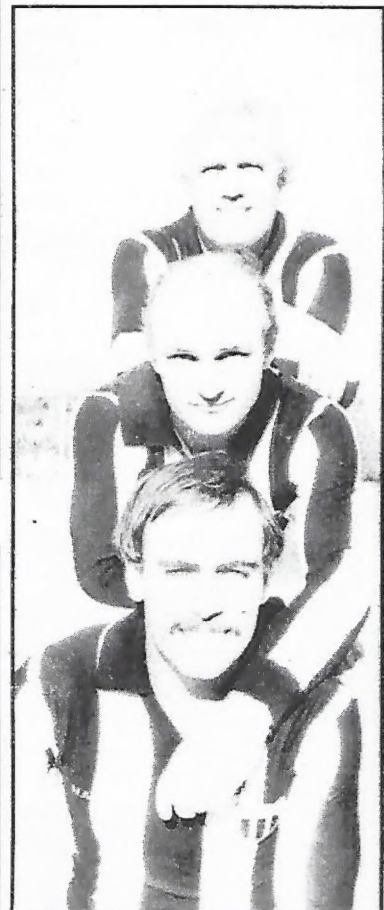
● Ted McDougall was a goalscoring machine in the UK with Manchester United, West Ham, Norwich, Southampton, Bournemouth and Blackpool and in 1982 he played with St George Budapest. McDougall negotiated with South Melbourne Hellas, West Adelaide Hellas, APIA and Marconi before accepting an offer from St George. He holds the English FA Cup record of nine goals in a game! That was when he was playing for Bournemouth. He first sprang to prominence in the Highlands League in Scotland.



● At left is a man known to older fans of Footscray JUST as one of the finest midfielders ever to come to these shores. It's the great Vero Mladenovic, seen here being foiled by the George Cross goalkeeper in this Victorian State League clash in the 1960s.



● Tommy Docherty, one of the most colorful characters in world soccer, arrived at Sydney Olympic in 1981 as coach and later coached South Melbourne Hellas before taking on a second stint with Olympic. "The Doc" is pictured explaining the finer points of the game to Olympic players. Or is he? Maybe he's telling them one of his many lies.



● The Bannon brigade finally was united at Brunswick Juventus for the 1983 season. Eldest brother Paddy (top), Vince (middle) and Ged still are actively involved in Victorian soccer. Paddy coaches Altona Gate, Ged plays for Springvale City and Vince plays for Sandringham — when he's not away fishing.

L'ora della verità' e' vicina

Con meno di due settimane all'inizio del campionato nazionale di calcio, tutte le 14 squadre che si contenderanno il titolo di questa nuova edizione della lega nazionale stanno affilando le armi.

Una serie di tornei sono ancora in corso o si sono appena conclusi e partite amichevoli sono in programma continuando per quelle squadre che non sono più in corsa nei tornei ufficiali.

La Juventus di Adelaide, campione nazionale in carica, ha tenuto forte alla sua posizione di "big" mettendola a segno una prestigiosa doppietta: la coppa notturna e quella che potrebbe anche chiamarsi con il prestigioso titolo di "Coppa dei campioni".

Nel primo caso gli uomini di Matic hanno conquistato la Ampol Cup battendo in finale l'Hellas per 2-1 e con maggior disinvoltura dal risultato di misura.

Domenica scorsa le zebre campioni d'Australia si sono ripetute battendo i campioni della Nuova Zelanda, il Mt Wellington, ai rigori dopo che i tempi regolamentari si erano conclusi con un 1-1. Dal dis-

chetto i "nostri" hanno fatto quattro bersagli mentre i "kivi" ne hanno sbagliato uno, segnato uno e hanno visto il terzo parato da McNally.

Con due vittorie più importanti entro il breve arco di quattro giorni si può solo dedurre che i Juventus di Adelaide e in ottimo stato nella e si presenterà al nastro di partenza con le carte in regola per un "lascia o raddoppia".

Le italiane di Sydney sono impegnate in un altro torneo pre campionato riservato alle sette squadre di Lega Nazionale (La State Bank Cup includeva anche le squadre della Lega Statale). In questo torneo il Marconi sta prendendo la parte delle grosse vincite e soddisfazioni.

Mercoldì scorso la squadra di Vieri perdeva per 0-2 contro i cugini dell'Apia fino a 15 minuti dalla fine. Ha finito per vincere per 3-2 con reti di Farina, Carbone e Maxwell.

Domenica la squadra di Bossley Park ha colto lo stesso risultato contro il Croatia, prendendosi così la rivincita per la sconfitta subita nella finale della State Bank Cup.

A proposito di Croatia, le due squadre di questo nome di Sydney e Melbourne si incontreranno per l'Ansett Challenge avendo vinto il torneo notturno dei rispettivi Stati.

Il Croatia di Melbourne ha conquistato la Buffalo Gold Cup (coppa notturna, già Ampol Cup) battendo il favorito s.m. Hellas per 2-0.

La squadra croata, affidata nuovamente all'allenatore Terry Hennessey e con un nuovo comitato più entusiasta (e meno stupido) di quello degli ultimi anni, sta facendo spese pazze per ritornare a quei successi a cui i suoi tifosi erano abituati.

Con circa 13.000 spettatori presenti alla finale contro l'Hellas, vien fatto di pensare che successo e pubblico vanno ancora assieme per questo particolare gruppo etnico. Oltre alla squadra che ha messo a tacere i greci dell'Hellas, il Croatia ha due grossi nomi in arrivo dall'Inghilterra.

Coincidenza delle coincidenze vuole che l'anno scorso di questi tempi il Croatia si trovasse più o meno nella stessa situazione, anzi ancora meglio. Aveva vinto la coppa notturna (come quest'anno) e si era aggiudicata anche l'Ansett Challenge. L'unico che la squadra di Sydney (questo deve ancora succedere).

L'anno scorso però beghe fra giocatori croati, britannici e locali, alle natiore e comitato riuscirono a far finire il torneo al punto da rischiare di non entrare nelle prime 14 dei due gironi per disputare la Lega Nazionale quest'anno.

Chi dovesse aspettarsi un simile crollo anche quest'anno molto probabilmente rimarrà con tanto di naso. Hennessey è una di quelle vecchie volpi che non perdono controllo di certe situazioni "politiche", come purtroppo successe l'anno scorso al brillante ma inesperto Bleiberg. Inoltre la "resurrezione" del JUST avvenuta l'anno scorso per grazia di San Sekularac ha messo il pepe sulla coda della comunità e del comitato croati.

Perciò chi vorrà battere il Croatia nel campionato è meglio che ce la metta tutta e si affini le armi, perché quest'anno Hennessey e i suoi uomini continueranno dritti per la stessa strada fin in fondo. E saranno dolori per tutti, specialmente se i due prossimi arrivi si riveleranno i grossi calibri che tutti si aspettano.

Per quanto riguarda la Juventus di Melbourne, le cose vanno abbastanza bene anche se rimangono alcuni interrogativi che non possono aver risposta fino alla prossima settimana perché la squadra di McKendry è a tempo fuori da qualsiasi torneo e sta andando avanti a forza di amici.



VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO

chevoli con squadre di minor rango.

E quando non si vedono partite e risultati, cominciano a circolare voci per il bene e per il male. Per esempio, alcune voci vorrebbero Eddie Campbell ancora in trattativa con il JUST. Ma secondo il club (cioè un dirigente molto autorevole), queste sarebbero soltanto voci senza alcun fondamento, poiché il giocatore ha rifiutato per la Juventus e giocherà per la Juventus.

Altre voci circolano sul conto del portiere Yaka Banovic. Al momento di scrivere questo articolo il giocatore era in attesa di due risposte. Una dal Croatia e l'altra dalla Juventus. Per quanto questo giornale sarà in vendita chi avrà dato la risposta migliore e più celere avrà quello che e-

ancora il miglior portiere d'Australia nelle sue file.

Noi pensiamo che Banovic sia necessario alla Juventus anche se il giovane Marama ha tutte le doti per essere meglio di lui, un giorno. Oggi come oggi il paragonare i due non può reggere e non si può sperare da un ragazzo di fare il lavoro di un uomo fra i pali del massimo campionato nazionale.

Marama potrebbe anche farcela; ma il rischio per lui e per la squadra è troppo grande. Meglio lasciare che il tempo e la paglia maturino le neopole e dare alla Juventus la sicurezza di un portiere esperto e capace in un campionato che si annuncia tutto ferro e fuoco.

Sarebbe un peccato se la squadra di McKendry non potesse essere "al completo" per ragioni che hanno più a che fare con personalità che con capacità e soldi. A volte cambiare idea o ammettere sbagli è segno di forza di carattere invece che di debolezza. Ci auguriamo che chi di diverse da questa dimostrazione di "forza di carattere".

La maggior dimostrazione di forza di carattere spetta sempre ai tifosi che domani sera (giovedì), dovrebbero prendere parte alla riunione generale della Juventus (al Crystal T, 672 Sydney Road, Brunswick, dalle 7.30 pm). Poiché questa è la riunione dell'inizio dell'anno, è ovvio che vi possono partecipare anche coloro che non sono ancora tesserati a condizione che abbiano intenzione di tesserarsi.

JOS JEDAN TRIJUMP ZORANA MATICA

Gledao sam proste nedelje utakmice prvaka Australije i Novog Zelanda na Hindmarsh stadionu u Adelaide, koja treba da bude jedna u ovom delu sveta da destine popularnost i ugled koji uživaju Kup evropskih sampiona i Copa Libertadores u Južnoj Americi.

Kao svaki početnik i ovaj nukleus Kupa sampiona, iako bio je dosta skromna, iako je SBS pokušao da ga direktnim prenosom približi široj javnosti. Zbog toglo vremena i Davis kup stadion je zvijao popraskan. Samo tri dana ranije finale Noćnog Ampol Kupa između domaćih rivala Juventus i Hellasa gledalo je 8.000 ljudi na istom stadionu, dok je u nedelju bilo jedva 2.000.

Utakmica je osvojila gledaoca, jer se igrao fudbal kakav se retko vidja na nastim stadionima. Dopadljiv, brz i pun akcija. Domaćini su osvojili prve 10 minuta igre bolje, delikato pod gostiju. U tom periodu povero je sa 1:0, a moglo je biti i više da je bilo više sile pre polovine. Gosti su se brzo sredili i izjednačili. Posle toga oni nisu imali sreće, ali ni Adelaide City nije spavao.

Na zalost, odlucili su jedan-aestici, ali Novozelanzdanci su morali pobediti ovog sudeta, koji treba da naraste u Kup Pacifi. Na Sekretariatu Nacionalne lige Steve Kamaz pokusao da organizuje surset sa pobednikom Kupa Azije kroz 15 dana. Nadomda se da ce uspeti.

POBEDA CROATIE U MELBURNU

U Melbourne je Croatia ponovila proslogodisnji uspeh u Nocnom Buffalo Kupu, posto je u finalu nadigrala i lako pobedila vucraga favorita Hellasa sa 2:0.

Proste godine je slava opila igrače, tako da se nisu mogli snaci u Nacionalnoj ligi skoro od kraja prvenstva, kada su ih jedva sacuvali od ispadanja u Drzavnu ligu.

Vec u nedelju 22. marta videlo se u Sidneyu, u sursetu sa bristonskim Croatiaom, kakvo ce uлогу u Jedinstvenoj ligi igrali sa obnovljenim sastavom Croatia iz Melbourne. Morala bi biti

ZABRINUTI SEKULARAC

JUST trener Draganov Sekularac smatra da dati su vise brzo lete, a on os nema popunjene sve rupe u timu. Pod njegovim pritiskom uprava je razapela mrežu, ali pitanje je da li ce se upecati koji krupni igrac. Stihli im bezbroj. Ipak, Seki ne gubi nada da ce "plavi" tabor biti dobro potkovani za surset sa Makedonijom u Footsuray.

Probuju utakmici protiv Springvale Citya. JUST je bio sa 41 (3:0). U prvom poluvremenu igrao je najbolji sastav bez novajlice Radivojevice, koji je stigao tog jutra iz Jugoslavije. Iako umoran, ipak je dobio da vidi svoj novi tim na delu.

U prvom poluvremenu JUST je prvi put ove godine zaigrao kao veliki tim. To pokazuje i rezultat. Mladi igraci su dobili sansu u drugom poluvremenu. Nisu razocarani, ali jos im treba vremena da ojacaju i steknu iskustvo.

JUSTov sastav: Zoran Nikolic (Zoran Vucinic od 46 minuta) Angele (Radovan Barjaktarevic od 46 minuta), Van Egmond, James, Toma Karic, Suljeman Curovic (Victor Cristaldo od 22 minuta, Bill Lazovic od 70 minuta, van Sas Slagim (Mark Burlak od 46 minuta), Warren Spink, Oscar Latif (Mark Maric od 60 minuta), Zdravko Lujic (Dejan Obradovic od 65 minuta), Vlado Bozovic (Ernie Tapal od 46 minuta).

PRVO KOLO VICTORIA KUPA

ALTONA GATE VARDAR — WERRIBEE 1:0 (0:0). Od brojnih zrelis sansi Altona Gate je iskoristila samo jednu preko Arthur Davis a 49. minutu.

Sastav Altona Gate: Ernie Toth, Zoran Tasevski, Jim Derivsky, Jonec Serovski, Lube Talevski, Mendo Ristic, Zlatko Veljanovski, Arthur Davis, Sam Micevski, Jorgo Gagic, Tim Bickeli.

U drugom kolu Victoria Kupa Altona Gate igra protiv Langwarrina u subotu 21. marta na Paisley Reserve u North Altoni. Pocetak u 3 po podne. U predgiri se sastaju rezerve ova dva tima.

BELL PARK — WESTGATE SINDJELIC 4:2 u produžetku igre. U regularnom vremenu utakmica se završila nerešeno 2:2 (2:2). Streli za Sindjelic: Branislav Jovic u 8. i 12. minutu, aestera i Predko Jankovic u 39. minutu.

PROVIZIONALNI KUP MITCHELL UTE

MITCHELL UTE — WANDINARA 2:3 (0:2). Strelica za Wandinara: Steve Balog sva tri gola u 26, 48 i 75. minutu.

Sastav Wandinara: Bela Rusko, Karolj Piller, Gugin Agop (Istvan Nadi od 70 minuta), Lajos Banaji, Steve Babinsky, Jani Pal, Frank Erdi, Imre Princos (Karolj Kocsis od 75 minuta), Frank Horvath, Steve Balog, Simon Zahai.

Najbolji igraci: Steve Balog, Steve Babinsky i Karolj Piller. U drugom kolu Provizionalnog kupa Wandinara docekuje na svom terenu Brunswick City.

PRIJATELJSKA UTAKMICA SPRINGVALE UTE

SPRINGVALE UTE 1:1 (0:1). "Plavi" su poverli sa 1:0 u 23. minutu preko Caneta Velvick, dok je Greg House uspeo da izjednači tek u 81. minutu.

U drugom kolu Victoria Kupa "Plavi" iz Springvale igraju protiv Boronije na J.V. Jones Reserve, Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully My73 G5.

Juniori Springvale United ispod 14 godina pobedili su goste Waverley City sa 3:0. Sva tri gola postigao je Fredy Camacho.

JUNIORSKA RUBRIKA

Isposd 13 godina: Sunshine Park — JUST 2:3. Strelic: Nick Mitrovic, Robert Marinkovic i autogol za JUST.

Isposd 15 godina: JUST — Fawknar 1:1. Strelic: Sasa Becvinovic.

Isposd 14 godina: JUST — Fawknar 2:1. Strelic: Damir Gajic i Alan Puskaly. U nedelju je JUST-ov tim porazen od Oakleigha sa 1:5.

TA NEA TON OMAΔHON MAS APOT TO ΣHMEIO TOY ΠENALTY

Η ΕΛΛΑΣ κόνοντας την χειρότερη εμφάνισή της για φέτος, έχασε στον τελικό από την Κροατία 2-0 η οποία κέρδισε το βαρβτικό έπαθλο του Μπάφαλο.

Δεν θα φάσουμε να βρούμε τα λήθα και βασικά τους παίκτης που δεν απέδωσαν σύμφωνα με τις δυνατότητές τους στον κρίσιμο αυτόν αγώνα. Ίσως να ήταν κάποια άσχημη μέρα για τους κυανόλευκούς παίκτης.

Ο Γκάβριλ όμως θα έβγαλε πλέον αρκετά συμπεράσματα και σίγουρα θα είναι πανέτοιμος για το πρωτάθλημα.

Η διοργάνωση του Μπάφαλο πέρασε και όσοι αγαπάνε την Έλλάδα θα πρέπει να ξεχάσουν την ήττα του περασμένου Σαββάτου, όσο πικρή και αν ήταν και να νητά ξουν μπροστά στον Μαραθώνιο του πρωταθλήματος που τους περιμένει.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP

ΓΙΑ το Κύπελλο Βικτόριας πέρασαν στους 32 η Ν.Ελλάς, ο Πέλοτας και ο Κλίφτον Χίλ, ενώ η Κλαρίνα αποκλείστηκε. Τα αποτελέσματα του περασμένου Σαββάτου ήταν τα εξής:

N.ΕΛΛΑΣ — ΝΤΑΝΤΕΝΟΥΚ ΣΙΤΥ 3 - 1
ΠΑΚΟΒΑΙΘΙΑ — ΠΕΑΟΠΑΣ 0 - 1
ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ — ΝΟΡΘ ΤΣΙΝΧΟΚ 2 - 1
ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ — ΠΕΡΑΝ ΣΙΤΥ 0 - 4

Στον επόμενο γύρο που θα γίνει το ερχόμενο Σαββάτο, έχουν προκριθεί ήδη η Δόξα Γιάφροβελ και το Μορτιντάλκον. Οι αγώνες για τις ομάδες θα είναι: Ντάφτον — ΔΟΞΑ, Άλμπιον — ΠΕΑΟΠΑΣ, ΜΟΡΤΙΝΤΑΛΚΟΝ — ΡΟΥΤΑΛΙΑΜΑΤΟΝ, Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ — Μπουλνχ και ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ — Ναναγόντινγκ.

ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΛ

ΤΟΝ πεπειραμένο κυνηγό Λήο Στεργίου απέκτησε από το Ώνλντ ο Κλίφτον.

ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ

Ο ΥΠΕΡΘΥΚΟΣ επί του Τέπου του Μένα Νίκος Καράμτζαλης έδωσε στη στήλη: "Δεν έχει κανένα με ιδέα για τον ποδοσφαιριστή μας Κατόνι ότι τον θέλει η ομάδα της Τζάστ. Διαφερόω τα πάντα γιατί κανένας από την Τζάστ δεν μάς πλησίασε και αν είχε γίνει κάτι τέτοιο δεν θα έκανα τη δήλωση αυτή".

ΜΑΛΒΕΝ — ΔΟΞΑ 4 - 5

ΤΙ ΓΙΝΕΤΑΙ ΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΓΙΑΝΝΗ ΚΥΡΙΟ;

Ο ΠΑΛΑΙΤΟΥΧΟΣ περματοφύλακας Γιάννης Κύριος έχει γίνει το μύθον της Έριδος και τώρα στην μάχη για την αποκτησή του μύθου και η Κροατία.

Ήδη ο παίκτης προπονείται με την ιταλική ομάδα Γιουβέντους η οποία όμως ριμένει να βρει μία καλύτερη τιμή από το Κλίφτον Χίλ που ζητάει 4.000 δολάρια για να παραχωρήσει τον Κύριο.

Τον ταλαντούχο γκολκίπερ όμως τώρα κυνηγάει και η Κροατία και είναι σίγουρο ότι θα τον κερδίσει.

Πάντως οι του Κλίφτον Χίλ θα πρέπει σε κάποια στιγμή κοντά στο συμφών του

ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΠΡΟΒΙΖΙΟΝΑΛ

ΤΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ για το Κύπελλο του Προβίζιοναλ παίξουν: Ρουαντρίνα — ΑΞΕΝΤΙΑΣ, ΜΕΛΜΟΥΡΝ — ΓΟΥΣΕΤ, ΣΑΟΥ ΣΠΙΝΚΑΒΑΙΘΙΑ — ΡΕΒΕΡΟ.

Επίσης έχουμε και μία ελληνική συνάντηση με ΜΑΛΒΕΝ — ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ.

ΑΤΡΟΜΗΤΟΣ

ΤΗΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ο Ατρόμης αγωνίζεται για το ερασιτεχνικό Κύπελλο εντός έδρας με αντίπαλο την Μακάμτι.

ΣΤΕΪΤ ΔΗΥΚ

ΑΠΟ το Φράνκστον Πάινς έχασε ο Βραχλός

ΙΝΔΥΣΤΡΙΑΛ ΛΕΓΟΥΕ

ΣΕ ΦΙΑΙΚΟ αγώνα στον οποίο η Δόξα χρησιμοποίησε 17 παίκτες, νίκησε το πολύ καλό Μάλβερν 5-4.

Τα γκολ σημείωσαν οι Στρατάνης 2, Κωστόπουλος, Νίλλαν και Πασομύθος.

Για το Μάλβερν σκοράρισαν οι Ρέλος 2, Τσιράνης 2.

Η Β' ομάδα του Μάλβερν για το Κύπελλο Προβίζιοναλ νίκησε 3-1 το Ρίνγουντ και με τέρματα των Γεωργιάδη 2, Τσιράνη.



by Manos Milios

Η παρουσία όλων των υπευθύνων των συλλόγων είναι απαραίτητη. Όσες ομάδες δεν δώσουν το παρόν τιμωρούνται με πρόστιμο 100 δολλάρων.

ΚΑΛΠΙΝΤΑ

ΤΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 21/3 η Κλαρίνα δίνει χορό στο CLAYTON HALL.

ΚΟΝΤΑ ΕΤΟΝ ΑΞΙΟ ΚΩΣΤΟΠΟΥΛΟ Η ΔΟΞΑ

Η ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΦΡΑΒΙΑ στην προσπάθειά της να ενισχύσει όλες τις γραμμές της, ελπίζει κοντά στην απόκτηση του ταλαντούχου μέσου Γιάννη Κωστόπουλου.

Ο Κωστόπουλος που στα χρόνια που αγωνίστηκε στην Ν.Ελλάδα ήταν πάντα από τους πρώτους παίκτες του συλλόγου, αποφασίζει φέτος να αλλάξει περιβάλλον.

Ας σημειωθεί ότι ο φιλότιμος και ταλαντούχος παίκτης σε όλα αυτά τα χρόνια που αγωνίστηκε στην Ν.Ελλάδα δεν έχει πάρει χρήματα.

ΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΟ ΚΑΤΩ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ ΔΟΚΑΡΙΑ Η ΚΡΟΑΤΙΑ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΤΗΝ ΠΕΡΤΟΝ 1 - 0

ΕΤΟΝ ΦΙΑΙΚΟ αγώνα που έδωσε την περασμένη Κυριακή η νικήτρια του Μπάφαλο Καπ Κροατία με την Πρόστον νίκησε 1-0 και με τέρμα που πέτυχε ο Λιμελίνα με καταπληκτικό τρόπο.

Κάτω από τα δοκάρια της Κροατίας αγωνίστηκε ο νεαρός ταλαντούχος γκολκίπερ Γιάννης Κύριος ο οποίος άρρηκτος εντυπώσε στον προπονητή Χένεσον ο οποίος ενδιέφερεται για την αποκτήσθ του την θεωρεί σίγουρο.



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